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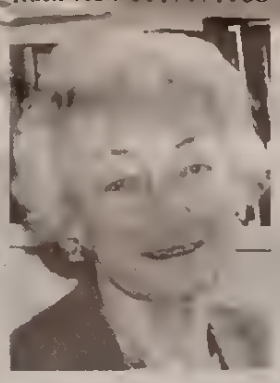

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Borough to Make Public Parking Garage Financials; Comment Invited Tonight

The substance of Princeton Borough Council's long series of private negotiations with its developer, Nassau HKT Urban Renewal Associates LLC., concerning Phase II of fhe development of the downtown area bounded by Tulane and Spring streets will be brought before the public tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall, along with a presentation of the costs of remediation of the basement of the Spring Street parking garage that was a part ot Phase I of the development project.

At last week's Council meeting, Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi reported on a set of estoppels that are to be agreed on between the Borough Council and NHKT. Mr. Bruschi defined the estoppels as signed statements attesting to certain facts made by one party for the benefit ot another.

Borough Council has been asked to verify facts pertaining to the NHKT redevelopment project. The legally-binding estoppels would be signed by representatives of both NHKT and the Borough. "The parties to the estoppel certificates would be prevented from later claiming a ditferent set ol facts," said Mr. Bruschi.

The estoppels would allow NHKT to obtain funding from its lender and allow the long stalled Phase II of the development (a five-story commercial/residential building on the current Tutane Street parking lot) to move forward.

Phase I of fhe development resulted in disputes between the Borough and the developer over water damage in the parking garage basement and the issue of ground rent due for the municipal parking lot.

Mr. Bruschi described three areas to be agreed upon:

A Financial Agreement to acknowledge, among other things, that all the money currently due to the Borough has been paid, and to describe lender obligations to the Borough.

A Lessor Agreement to clarify NHKT rental payments to the Borough, as well the lender's obligations and rights.

A Redevelopment Agreement to specify the obligations of the Borough and NHKT regarding the proposed five-story commercial and residential building to be constructed on the site of the current Tulane Street parking lot.

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"AIM HIGH AND BE BOLD": Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman spoke of "the spirit of Bob Goheen and his belovod Princeton" as she said goodbye to the Class of 2008 Tuesday. "His strengths as a leader were ombedded in the qualities we hope to have instilled in each of you." Excerpts from the speech follow the Commencomont story.

Area Police Clamping Down on Truck Traffic

Lawrence Police Officer Bryce Dowers was describing a recent exchange he had with a truck driver. "'I'm heading back to Montreal,'" he quoted the driver as saying. "Then what are you doing on Route 206?" was the officer's response.

Such exchanges are likely to become more frequent as a result of a joint municipalify truck enforcement program announced yesterday by Princeton Borough Police Chief Anthony Federico, Princeton Township Police Chief Mark V. Emann, and Lawrence Township Police Chief Daniel A. Posluszny. In an effort to discourage trucks fhat should be taking the turnpike from getting a free ride on local roads like Route 206, police from the three municipalities will be stopping trucks to check for unsafe equipment, up-to-date paperwork, and outstanding traffic violations.

"It's a dollars-and-cents equation for trucks," observed Lawrence Township Councilman Barry Bostock. "It seems to be cheaper to take a non-toll road, but aggressive enforcement will change the balance when it's no longer a free ride." The impact, he noted, would be felt immediately, as a single trucker who gets stopped radios others to steer clear of the area.

In his opening comments at Tuesday's press conference Mr. Federico said that the initiative had begun about a month ago. "Ninety percent of the complaints to all three police departments have to do with trattic," he said. "We're not targeting trucks in general; we just want to make sure they are safe and tollowing laws."

Representatives from all three municipalities lauded the collaboration. Borough Council representative Barbara Trelstad called the initiafive "a wonderlul thing" and thanked the police departments for caring about the safety of both residents and truckers. Township Committee member Chad Goerner also thanked everyone involved, adding that "this is an important component of a larger effort to reduce truck traffic on our main streets." Lawrenceville Council member Pam Mount noted that "we understand the need to move things — two-thirds of ot our economy is based on moving stutt — but trucks should be safe. We're delighted that the Borough and the Township reached out to Lawrence Township."

Mr. Bostock pointed out that one truck does the equivalent of 9,800 cars' worth of damage to roads, "not to mention the pollution they cause."

Officer Dowers, who was described as one ol "the premier officers in the state for satety inspection," noted that truck drivers

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Pres. Tilghman Honors Pres. Goheen At University's 261st Commencement

Addressing approximately 7,000 Commencement Day guests on the front lawn of Nassau Hall Tuesday, Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman paid tribute to her late predecessor Robert Goheen's ability to "lead change when it mattered most" while transforming the University at "a critical time" in its history.

Besides citing Mr. Goheen's recognition that "a 223-year tradition of male-only education had to yield in favor of deepening and enriching the quality of education tor all," she referred to his bringing Carl A. Fields to Princeton as the first African American dean in the Ivy League and to his ability to steer the University

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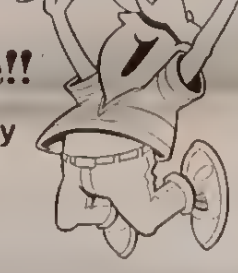

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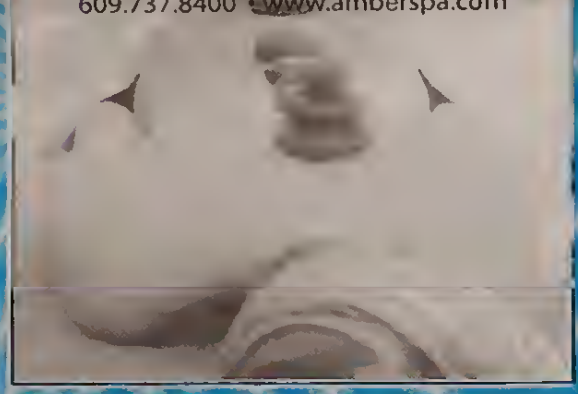

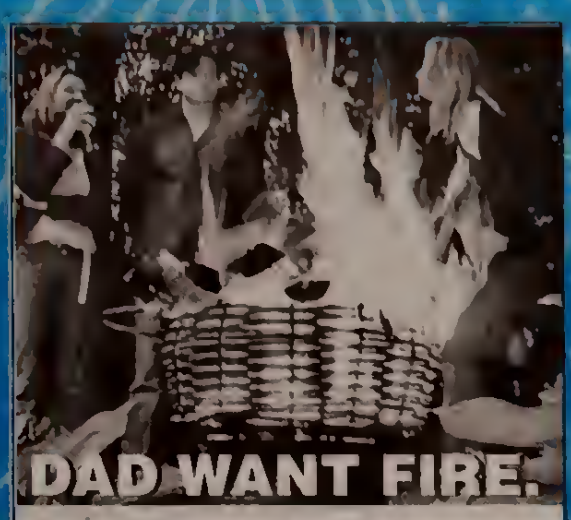

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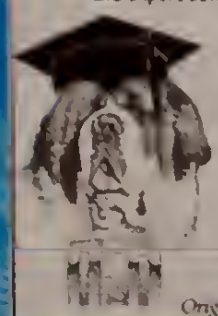

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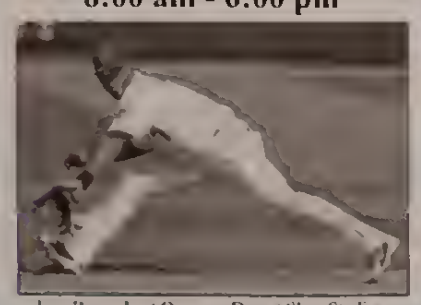

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YOUNG FUNDRAISER: Orchard Hill Elementary School first-grader Rocky Lu played some golf at the Memorial Day fundraiser for earthquake relief sponsored by Plainsboro Chinese Schools and Plainsboro Township. The event was held at Maurice Hawk Elementary School. Performers included the Lanyun Dance Troupe, Stone Age Rock 'n' Roll Band, Happy Singers Chorus, Joy Hearts Singer Club, and martial arts master Changjun Zhao and his students. (Photo by Christine Peters)

Plainsboro Chinese School Event Raises Funds for Earthquake Relief

According to the latest estimates, last month's earthquake in China's Sichuan province, which measured 8.0 on the Richter scale, left almost 70,000 people dead, 370,000 injured, and five million homeless. Upon hearing the news, students and parents at the Plainsboro Chinese School (PCS) decided that they wanted to contribute to global relief efforts to assist the victims of the disaster.

The result was a fundraising variety show in partnership with Plainsboro Township held outside of Maurice Hawk Elementary School on Memorial Day. Performers included the Stone Age Rock 'n' Roll Band, whose drummer and lead singer Yingchao Zhang emceed the event; the Lanyun Dance Troupe; the Happy Singers Chorus; the Joy Hearts Singer Club; and martial arts master Changjun Zhao and his students.

The scene was festive, with over 70 people of all ages gathered to watch the performances. A rousing chorus of "We are the World" sung by Stone Age kicked off the event. As the soft-rock melodies gave way to a pulsing techno beat, martial arts master Mr. Zhao and his students displayed their wushu technique. The audience cheered loudly as Yun Zhao, age 9, defeated his father, Mr. Zhao, in a mock battle sequence.

Members of the Lanyun Dance Troupe followed with "Cloud Stomp," a graceful dance that Mr. Zhang afterward described as "about the spirit of overcoming difficulty."

Tables displaying toys and snacks for purchase or information about the earthquake were set up along the sidewalk adjacent to the performance space. A large sign listing statistics about the earthquake also exhorted, "offer your love and a helping hand." At another table, attendees could purchase t-shirts proclaiming "One World, One Family." All proceeds from the event will go to the Red Cross and their earthquake relief efforts.

Maurice Hawk third graders Vanessa Huang and Diana Tang had set up a lemonade stand to contribute to the relief efforts. According to Liping Cai, a mother of a PCS student, Ms. Tang had been inspired by watching the news and had also made a poster to explain the effects of the earthquake. The class raised over 90 dollars, which they donated to the cause.

At the previous Sunday's launching of the fundraising campaign, PCS raised over 50,000 dollars in three hours. Jason Huang, president of the PCS school board and one of the event organizers, mentioned that the goals of their campaign are "to provide a channel

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for donations and to make people aware of what happened." He lauded the generosity of the parents of students at the school. The money they have gathered has already been donated to the Chinese Red Cross, and subsequent funds (including $4,459 raised on Memorial Day) will go there as well.

Shaolin Liu, a volunteer with PCS, spoke about the courage of children and adults alike. While he acknowledged that "this earthquake is a human disaster," he added a hopeful note, predicting that the victims will "get a lot of help and feel the love from all over the world."

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross, the Chinese Red Cross, or you may send a check to the Huaxia Chinese School in Plainsboro — China Earthquake Relief, PO Box 292, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

—Dilshanie Perera

PDS Dedicates Fitness Center To Patrick Kerney '94

Seattle Seahawks Defensive End and Pro Bowl Player Patrick Kerney returned to Princeton Day School recently to work with coaches and athletes in the new 2,600 square-foot facility that bears his name: the Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center.

Mr. Kerney, who played football at PDS before joining the University of Virginia team and going on to a professional career with the Atlanta Falcons and Seahawks, urged PDS athletes to take conditioning and strength-building seriously as the best way to prevent injury. Time spent in the fitness center also builds camaraderie and encourages excellence, he said.

The 6'5, 272 pound athlete was 5'10 and weighed about 150 pounds when he played football for PDS. "My nickname was 'Beanpole,'" Mr. Kerney recalled. "But we pushed each other to excel, and in the process made lifelong friends."

Mr. Kerney attended PDS from fifth through tenth grade, playing varsity level sports as an underclassman. He reminded students to keep academics a top priority, noting that he will not be playing professional football his entire life.

While at PDS, Mr. Kerney earned the Silver P award for best middle school athlete, said PDS Department of Physical Education Chairman Mark Adams, who was his football coach.

"For our kids to see someone who comes from the same place they come from and who has made something of himself in professional athletics is great," Mr. Adams said. "And even more than what he is today, it's the way he made something of himself — through hard work and dedication that means the most."

In addition to holding a clinic for students and coaches, Mr. Kerney was honored during a reception and formal dedication of the new fitness center. The center, which opened in January, is three times bigger than the previous weight room available to PDS students. It features an expanded collection of cardiovascular exercise equipment — as well as two framed football jerseys, courtesy of Seattle Seahawk No. 97.

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Corrections

In last week's Town Topics, Institute for Advanced Study Professor Avishai Margalit was incorrectly identified as the George F. Kennan Professor in the School of Social Studies at the Institute. Mr. Margalit is, in fact, the Kennan Professor in the School of Historical Studies. There is no such school as Social Studies at the Institute.

The following Barnes & Noble event was listed in a previous issue with the incorrect date and book title. The book is Beyond Time Out: From Choos to Colm by Beth A. Grosshans, with Janet Burton; the talk, question and answer, and signing will take place at the Market Fair Barnes & Noble at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

Tuesday's Primary Election results will be given in the next issue of Town Topics.

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes has announced Mercer County and the One-Stop Career Center will sponsor their largest ever Youth Job Fair on Wednesday, June 11, at The War Memorial in Trenton. Job Fair Youth Employability Seminars will be conducted from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, and Monday, June 9, at the Mercer County One-Stop Career Center, 26 Yard Avenue, at the New Jersey Unemployment Office, one block from the Trenton Train Station.

Princeton Animal Control has begun a Township-wide dog and cat census. As required by State regulation, census team members will be visiting homes to count the number of dogs currently owned, and to check if they are licensed and vaccinated for rabies. Although there is no cat licensing on the State or local level, the department also wants to determine how many cats are owned in the Township. Members of the Census team include the Animal Control Officer, and two male college interns named Ravee and Iuri. For additional information call (609) 497-7608.

Princeton scientist **Freeman Dyson**, Professor Emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study, will be the guest speaker at the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Luncheon on Thursday, June 5 at the Marriott Princeton Hotel and Conference Center, 100 College Road East. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a networking reception, followed by a buffet luncheon and Professor Dyson's speech. The cost for Chamber members is $35, and $45 for non-members and day of event registrations. Reservations can be made at www.princetonchamber.org or by calling (609) 924-1776.

The Princeton Regional Board of Education will hold a workshop on Tuesday, June 10, at 6 p.m., at the Valley Road Administration Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss action plans for seeking alternative funding. The meeting will be open to the public.

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1. *Information*
2. Planning
3. Regulation
4. Implementation

What practical steps can our community take to advance the goals brought forward in our conversations this spring? We especially need your guidance this Saturday on PLANNING and REGULATION. What improvements should be made? What new mechanisms should be created? How might they work in Princeton? Are we headed in the right direction, and asking the right questions?

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Presenters:

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Carlos Rodriques PP, AICP. Chair, Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. New Jersey Director, Regional Plan Association. Township Resident.

Stay tuned!

On September 20th...

We will meet to present our findings on IMPLEMENTATION on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 9 AM - 12 in the Robert Lockwood Solley Theater, the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts at the Arts Council of Princeton.

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The event is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6, 7 and 8 and includes specially-priced women's and children's clothing and accessories from Merrick's, free coffee and bagels donated by Cox's Market and hot dogs and drinks from Sweet Sal's. There will be door prizes throughout the day, donated by Bijan Rug Gallery, Cranbury Station, Creative Screen Printing & Embroidery, Dandeline Clothing, EY Staats & Company Hair Salon, Pawtisserie, Pink Nails, Pryde Brown Photographs, Joy Cards, and Jordan's Gift Shop.

Representatives from SAVE will also be on hand with pet adoption information including photographs and biographies on available cats and dogs.

"We are simply delighted with the level of participation this event has generated," notes Ms. Racich. "It is obvious how much everyone in Princeton values SAVE and the work they do in our community. We've got a really wonderful event planned and now the most important thing is to get the word out and the folks down to Moore Street this weekend!"

For additional information or to become a participating merchant, contact Barbara Racich at (609) 921-0338.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 55 calls for service last week.

On Saturday, May 24, the Squad responded for an intoxicated patient who had reportedly consumed eight or nine shots of vodka and had become ill and disoriented. The patient was transported to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for monitoring.

On Tuesday evening, May 27, the Squad responded for an elderly woman who tripped and fell, striking her head on the corner of a wall. She suffered neck pain and a scalp laceration. The crew bandaged the injury, secured the patient to a spinal immobilization device and transported her to UMCP.

On Thursday, May 29, the Squad responded for a patient who rode his bicycle into the netting of a large tent. The impact caused him to be thrown from his bicycle. The patient, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered abrasions and back and head pain. He was secured to a spinal immobilization device and transported to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit www.pfars.org.

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Question of the Week:

"Why do you like attending P-Rade?"

"It's a whole lot of fun. It's nice to be back with the whole family to celebrate since it's my dad's 50th. I've been to many others, as I'm from here but now live in Bethesda."
— Krista Ross, Bethesda, Md.

"My uncle is marching in the Class of 1938, his 70th, so he is way up there. I have been to others but this is a good one. My brother and sister and I had dinner with him last night; we get our wristbands and become a part of it."
— David Bush with Jackson and Greta, Edgerstoune Road

"This is the first time we've come, but it's a lot of fun and we get to meet up with some old friends."
— Sara Caplan, Manhattan, NY

"I am a Princetonian, and it's just part of a big tradition. It's really fun to see all of the alumni come here from the Class of 1925 and then 1933 and onward. My favorite part is the jackets! They are amazing, crazy, absurd, and it is great to see them having a good time with it."
— Pam Joyhanson, Long Island, NY

"I love attending P-Rades and have done so for years and years. We've had a lot of family going by, which has kind of diminished, but still in all I have a lot of friends, and it is just great to see them all. It's also great to see how Princeton has changed from a very homogeneous school to a school with a lot more diversity."
— Barbara Johnson, Wilton Street

"We are in Princeton 10 days a month and we love it. We want to know about what goes on here. I know it's exciting because my daughter lives here. We have been watching the people in the street and we can tell that something big is going to happen."
—Donna Renner, Nassau Street (and Tennessee)

"Paper or Plastic?" Preferably Neither, Says Princeton Environmental Commission

In the movie *The Graduate*, Benjamin Braddock is counseled that the future lies in "just one word: plastic." Plastic, as in plastic bags, will have little or no future in this area if the Princeton Environmental Commission has its way.

At its last meeting of the 2007-2008 year, visitors Penny Thomas and Beth Ann Mitchell presented the commission with arguments against the use of plastic bags for carrying merchandise from groceries and other stores, followed by a discussion about what might be done to diminish or discourage the use of plastic bags in Princeton. As for paper bags, they're preferable to plastic, but their manufacture has an undesirable source: the cutting down of trees.

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Mitchell read excerpts from a fact sheet they distributed to commission members, describing the deleterious effects of the widespread use of plastic bags, which began in the 1980s. They noted that an estimated 500 billion to one trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year, while only one to five percent of them recycled; the rest get thrown away. In China, they said, where plastic bags are called "white pollution," the government recently shut down the largest plastic bag maker, which was manufacturing some 250,000 tons of plastic bags a year. The threat posed to birds and mammals, which often mistake plastic for food, is considerable: the fact sheet cites a report estimating that "about 100,000 whales, seals, and turtles are killed by plastic bags worldwide each year."

The answer, according to Ms. Thomas and Ms. Mitchell, is "BYOB," the second "b" in this case standing for "bag." Legislative efforts in other municipalities, it was noted, have been discouraged by demands from the plastic industry to provide environmental impact reports. Ms. Mitchell suggested seeking a grant to support the creation, design, and distribution of two free reusable bags to each household in Princeton, with more available for purchase. Cooperation from local merchants would also be key to the plan's success, and there was unanimous agreement with Commission member Matthew Wasserman's suggestion that the matter be turned over to the Sustainable Princeton subcommittee working with area businesses and non-profits.

There was also consensus among the commission members and guests that a culture change is in order. People are used to the idea that "you've got to wear seatbelts, and you've got to wear helmets," said Ms. Mitchell. "They'll just have to get used to the idea that you've got to help the environment."

In other discussions at the Wednesday evening meeting, it was noted that John Witherspoon Middle School has slackened off in its recycling efforts.

The next meeting of the Princeton Environmental Commission will be Wednesday, September 24.

—Ellen Gilbert

Births

9 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 9 births the week of May 22, 2008.

Daughters were born to Andria and David Wirth, Princeton, May 23; Nicole Schmid Davis and Michael Davis, Lawrenceville, May 27; Staci and Matthew Wilson, Pennington, May 27; and Mona Fixdal and Peter Silver, Princeton, May 29.

Sons were born to Tika Madden, Princeton, May 22; Ashley and Robert McFadden, Skillman, May 27; Zydrune and Peter Mladineo, Princeton, May 28; Shizhen Chen and Junming Zhu, Princeton Junction, May 28; and Karen Chin and Jamie Zaninovich, Princeton, May 29.

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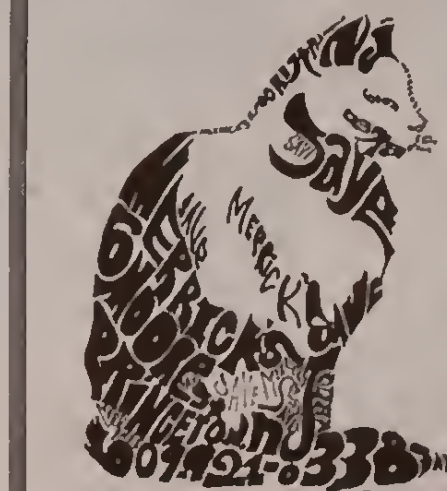

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Truck Traffic

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actually welcome interventions. "They want help," he said, adding, "they don't want to drive the unsafe vehicles that companies sometimes force them to drive."

— Ellen Gilbert

Gallery Offers Photos Of Athletes in Motion

Local photographer Dick Druckman is hosting his annual Father's Day Photo Sale through Saturday, June 14 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gold Medal Impressions Gallery in Princeton Junction.

Mr. Druckman has photographed a variety of subjects in sports, including Bode Miller Alpine skiing, Joe Torre wearing Yankee pinstripes for the last time, Jonathan Papelbon celebrating a Boston Red Sox world championship, and Brian Westbrook playing for the Eagles. He recently opened an exhibit of his photographs from Super Bowl XLII (Giants vs. Patriots) at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Pictures at the Princeton Junction gallery also include photos of college athletes as well as local high school and home town Little League players.

A lifelong sports fan, Mr. Druckman has attended nine Olympics and is preparing to travel to Beijing, China later this year for his tenth, the 2008 Summer Games.

For further information call 609-606-9001 or go to www.goldmedalimpressions.com.

Library Stays Open Late To Help Students Study

Princeton Public Library's Crunch Time program returns to the library on Wednesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. offering high school students studying for final examinations tutors, homework help, and pizza.

Tutors from Springboard, the library's after-school homework help program, will be available to answer last-minute questions, review curricula, and lend a hand to students. Pizza and soda will be available to the high school students preparing for finals after the rest of the library closes at 9 p.m.

Recognized by the American Library Association as a national model of excellence in after-school programming for young adults, Springboard is staffed by paid teachers and community volunteers, including educators and students from Princeton University and Princeton High School.

This will be the 18th edition of late night study sessions at the library. Youth Services Department Manager Jan Johnson says as many as 40 or 50 students have attended each night in the past. Teachers have also arranged review sessions with their students at the library.

"It's really been a help to students," Johnson said. "They get to do their work away from the distractions of home and they can get help from the tutors we have here for them."

During the school year, Springboard tutors are available for homework help at the library from 3:30 to 6 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. The library also offers Live Homework Help, a free online tutoring service available on library computers or on home computers via the library's Website, www.princetonlibrary.org. Additional help is available through the library's QandA NJ service.

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Kwasekhemwer Stanley, 20, of Princeton, was arrested May 24, at 3:03 a.m., for DWI while driving on University Place. He was later released.

Richard Young, 24, of Hamilton, was arrested May 27, at 3:54 p.m., on Nassau Street at Witherspoon Street for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and hindering apprehension. He was later released.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Adrian McPherson, 23, of Princeton, on May 25, at 12:15 p.m., on an active warrant from Trenton Municipal Court, following a motor vehicle stop on Alexander Street.

Felix Sanchez, 52, of Princeton, on May 29, at 2:41 a.m., on a New Jersey Wanted Person Warrant from Middlesex County, following a motor vehicle stop on Stockton Street.

Sarah Wolfe, 31, of Highland Park, on May 28, at 1:51 p.m., on an active warrant from Jersey City Municipal Court, following a motor vehicle stop on Palmer Square East.

Princeton Township

Natalie Schultz, 49, of Princeton, was charged with careless driving on May 9, at 5:54 p.m., as she rear-ended a car on Route 206 near Herrontown Road.

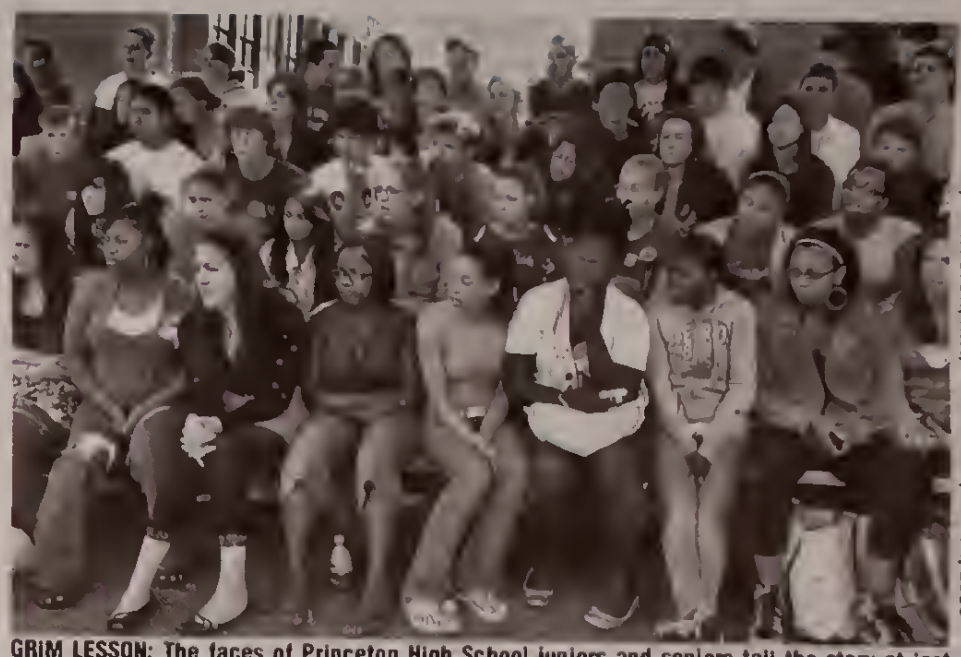
Cynthia Halpern, 61, of Princeton, was charged with failing to obey a traffic signal at Faculty Road and Washington Road on May 24, at 4:10 p.m.

Matthew A. Greek, 18, of Ringoes, was arrested on May 23, at 4:37 p.m., for unlawful possession of a weapon and drug paraphernalia. He was later released.

Jose Luis Cruz-Medina, 27, of Princeton, was arrested on June 1, at 2:46 a.m., for DWI, reckless driving, speeding, unlicensed driving, and driving while suspended. He was released on bail.

Joshua Estenes, 28, of Roosevelt, was arrested on May 30, at 11:09 p.m., for DWI and possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a controlled dangerous substance. He was later released.

Jeremy Olshefski, 22, of Manville, was arrested on May 31, at 3:45 a.m. for DWI, reckless driving, and speeding. He was later released.



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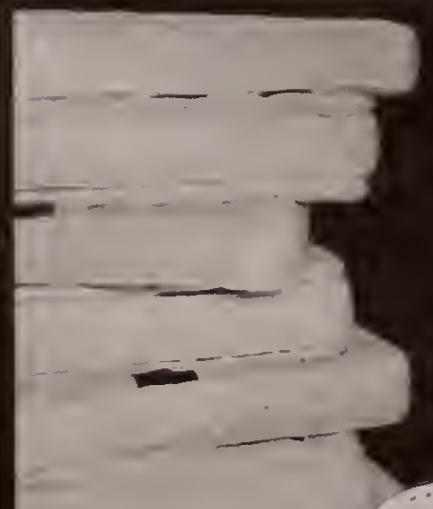

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People

Sarah Rich

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Wayne W. Meisel, founding president of the Princeton-based philanthropic Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at Stetson University's Spring Commencement this month. Mr. Meisel, a nationally known advocate for youth-led organizations and community service, was honored for his many achievements and longtime contributions to the field of student community activism. He was also the keynote speaker at Stetson's College of Arts & Sciences commencement ceremony. Stetson, which is located in central Florida, is an independent liberal arts college founded in 1883.

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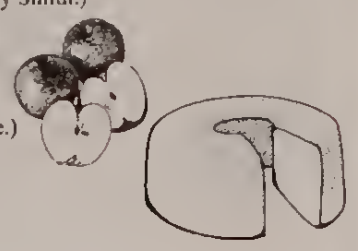

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2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs (I use extra large.)
½ cup orange juice
3 tsp baking powder
2½ tsp vanilla
1 tsp salt

Peel and cut apples into small bite size pieces.
Mix apples with cinnamon and 5 tblsp sugar.
Beat next 8 ingredients until smooth.
Pour half of the batter into greased and floured tube pan.
Add ½ of the apple mixture.
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More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes.. *Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics*

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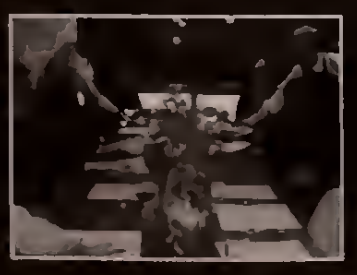

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The couple were attended by the groom's sister, Nicole, of Erie, Pa., and the bride's sister, Valentina of Princeton.

The couple own and operate Town and Country Cleaners in Clarion along with the groom's father.

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Barnes-Callahan. Alison Houpis Barnes, daughter of James and Elana Barnes of Piedmont, Calif., to Gregory Raymond Callahan, son of Robert and Kristen Callahan of Princeton.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of The Head-Royce School in Oakland, Calif. and a 2005 graduate of Princeton University. After graduation, she joined Goldman Sachs as an investment analyst. She is currently a medical student at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Princeton High School and a 2005 graduate of Princeton University. Upon graduation, he was employed as an investment analyst by Lehman Brothers. He is currently an associate with Vestar Capital, a private equity firm.

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Parking Garage

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Following Mr. Bruschi's presentation to the Council last week, Councilman Roger Martindell expressed doubts as to the benefits of the development plan, asking the Council to "consider whether we owe the public an explanation about why this deal is worth doing at all."

In response to Mr. Martindell's remarks, Councilman David Goldfarb, expressed the view that the Borough should honor previous quid pro quo agreements it had made at the beginning of the project. "Phase I had most of the public benefit, while Phase II is mostly a private development project," he said.

The first phase of the plan resulted in the Hinds Plaza, a mixed use residential and commercial building, and the Spring Street Parking Garage.

According to Mayor Trotman, the next phase would include 54 units of affordable housing as well as a grocery store.

Council discussed the impact of Phase II on parking in downtown Princeton. Both Mayor Trotman and Mr. Goldfarb contended that the project would not lead to a parking shortage, since the spaces in the parking garage currently constitute a surplus of parking.

Mr. Martindell urged his colleagues to proceed with caution. "We don't have to put ourselves under the gun to accommodate the developer," he said. "I think we put ourselves at a disadvantage in negotiations...we have to review the proposals with an open mind and at the end of the day, we might say no."

Council President Peggy Karcher reminded those present of the beginnings of the project, saying that it was initially conceptualized as a "benefit to the Borough to eliminate surface parking lots, and to enliven the downtown by providing affordable housing," a food market, and so on. "I don't think we can get away from those Initial thoughts."

Tonight's discussion will be an opportunity for Princeton taxpayers to share their thoughts on the downtown development project, the proposed estoppels, and the parking garage financials.

Action will be taken by Borough Council on Tuesday, June 10, following tonight's public comment and further review by Borough staff.

— Dilshanie Perera
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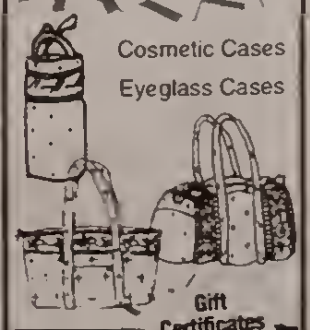
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Commencement

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"through the rough seas of the late 1960s."

The University awarded degrees to 1,125 undergraduates and 743 graduate students at the 261st Commencement. In addition, honorary doctoral degrees were conferred upon five individuals for their contributions to the creative and performing arts, political thought, science, literature and higher education: musician and entertainment industry executive Quincy Jones; political theorist and Princeton's William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics Emeritus George Kateb; author, essayist and translator Haruki Murakami; and John Waterbury, president of the American University of Beirut and Princeton's William Stewart Tod Professor of Politics and International Affairs Emeritus.

The valedictory oration was delivered by Zachary Squire, a classics major from New York. James Morrison, a chemical engineering major, delivered the salutatory address, which at Princeton is traditionally given in Latin and is the University's oldest student honor.

The Class of 2008 consisted of 595 men, 526 women. Honors were received by 484 students (43.2 percent of the class).

Four faculty members were recognized for outstanding teaching: Bonnie Bassler, the Squibb Professor in Molecular Biology; Pablo Debenedetti, the Class of 1950 Professor in Engineering and Applied Science; Marie Griffith, professor of religion; and Nicole Shelton, associate professor of psychology.

New Jersey secondary school teachers honored this year are Michelle Di Giovanni, Clinton Township Middle School, Clinton; Elsa Matos, Science Park High School, Newark; Justin Smith, Cherokee High School South, Marlton; and Sara Solberg, McNair Academic High School, Jersey City.

Editor's Note: What follows are excerpts from Princeton University President Shirley Tilghmon's Commencement Address.

it is a great pleasure for me to continue Princeton's longstanding tradition of letting the president have the last word at Commencement. First and foremost, congratulations to all our graduates on successfully completing your Princeton education. The class of 2008 has left an indelible mark on this University — your class brought us a bonfire on Cannon Green and a world premiere of Alexander Pushkin's "Boris Godunov" at the Berlind Theatre; two national championships for women's squash and an ECAC championship for men's hockey; as well as a veritable epidemic of dodge ball and broom ball. You reached out to the victims of civil strife in Darfur and to those affected by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi. You showed that green is one of Princeton's colors by leading the Ivy League in this year's RecycleMania competition and bringing a farmers' market to Firestone Plaza. Graduate students who are receiving diplomas today added very much to the greening of Princeton, launched the multidisciplinary Princeton Research Symposium, and provided leadership and mentoring in the new residential college system. You will all be missed.

Yours is a generation that has lived through enormous change, and you are entering a world in which the pace of change, if anything, is accelerating. Born, for the most part, in the early to mid-1980s, you have witnessed the end of the Cold War with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, a seismic event in world politics that altered the carefully crafted post-World War II balance of power. You have been eyewitnesses to the rise of nonstate terrorism around the world, and you have lived through the horrific 9/11 attacks in this country. During your lives the repressive system of apartheid in South Africa, which lasted almost half a century, was overthrown without violence, and Great Britain returned sovereignty over Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China in a peaceful ceremony. On the technology front, the development and commercialization of the Internet has radically transformed the way you connect to family and friends — you were born into an era when telephones were attached to the wall, and you graduate with handheld wireless devices in your pockets that you have undoubtedly consulted at least once during this ceremony.... In your lives there has been one constant — things will change — and, despite Stephen Colbert's plea at Class Day yesterday, as Princetonians you will be expected not simply to adapt well to change; you will be expected to lead it....

This spring Princeton lost one of her greatest sons and leaders — our 16th president, Robert Francis Goheen of the undergraduate class of 1940 and the graduate class of 1948. Bob Goheen is an exemplar of the Princetonian who did not simply adapt well to change, but was able

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AT PRINCETON'S 261st COMMENCEMENT: Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman paid tribute to her late predecessor Robert Goheen during her remarks to the Class of 2008 and 7,000 attendees at the 261st Commencement Tuesday. Musician, arranger, and entertainment industry executive Quincy Jones (below, right) received an honorary degree the Commencement Day ceremonies; Introducing him is Proessor Terdema Ussery II. Others honored were Princeton's William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics Emeritus George Kateb; author Haruki Murakami; and John Waterbury, president of the American University of Beirut and Princeton's William Stewart Tod Protessor ot Politics and International Affairs Emeritus.

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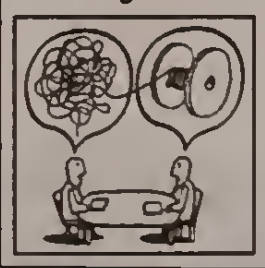

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WITH THE PRESIDENT: Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman (L) shares a P-Rade moment with Dottie Walker and Duncan Van Dusen '58. (Photo by George Vogel)

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to lead change when it mattered most. And in so doing he transformed this University at a critical time in her history. Bob arrived in Princeton in 1936, having been raised in India as the son of medical missionaries. He went on to win the Pyne Prize, the University's highest honor bestowed on an undergraduate, and he had begun his graduate studies in classics when World War II intervened. He returned after the war to complete his studies and join the faculty. A short nine years later a remarkable thing happened. The Board of Trustees asked this assistant professor of classics to become the president of the University at the ripe old age of 37, a position he held with great distinction for the next 15 years.

I would like to reflect on three occasions when Bob Goheen's openness to other viewpoints and willingness to change his mind were instrumental in his effectiveness as a leader. The first was his championing of coeducation. In his recent eulogy, President Emeritus Bill Bowen of the graduate class of 1958 pointed out that as late as 1965 Bob believed that "Princeton has no problems that coeducation can solve." Yet only four years later he was recommending to the Board of Trustees that Princeton do exactly the opposite and admit women to her undergraduate classes. What accounted for this remarkable transition in his thinking? To be sure, Princeton was not immune to powerful external forces in the country that were calling for equal opportunity for women and rejecting the notion that "separate but equal" would suffice for women's education any more than it did for the education of African Americans.

Bob Goheen recognized that a 223-year tradition of male-only education had to yield in favor of deepening and enriching the quality of education for all. He also understood that as women began to assume more prominent positions in the nation's life, it was critical that men and women prepare for leadership roles together. This decision was not uniformly welcomed, and Bob had to withstand fierce opposition from many alumni, some of whom banded together to challenge his decision. Yet he remained resolute in his conviction that the University would embrace coeducation gracefully, and be the stronger for it. As we look out on the graduating class today, time has clearly vindicated his decision.

If Bob's leadership on coeducation is an example of changing his mind, his leadership on issues related to race is an example of opening his mind.... What powerfully changed his mind were the reports of undergraduate and graduate students who had begun to work to desegregate the South, and his recognition that Princeton's record of admitting students of color was downright dismal. He responded to evidence of discrimination both at home and elsewhere in the country, and by 1962 he was moved to include these words in his Commencement address:

"The denial of human dignity and equal rights on the blind basis of color or creed is an abomination of our time and cancer in our society."

As he did in the case of coeducation, he believed that by diversifying the student body, a far more intellectually vibrant university, and one with a much more interesting cultural milieu, would arise. He also understood that he needed help in attracting and supporting black students at an institution that had not been welcoming in the past, and he therefore brought Carl A. Fields to Princeton as the first African American dean in the Ivy League. In a few short years, the two men transformed the landscape for students of color at Princeton, created the forerunner of the Carl Fields Center, and changed the University, as we see today, very much for the better.

The third example of Bob's leadership came in response to the Vietnam War.... While his personal views were evolving, Bob faced the enormous challenge of steering Princeton through the rough seas of the late 1960s. Indeed, a number of our peer institutions veered badly off course during this era of student unrest, an era characterized not only by antiwar protest and a continuing battle for civil rights, but by broader societal upheaval and dissent. Princeton weathered the storms with its dignity and its civility intact, largely because of Bob Goheen... He provided inspired leadership at a point when it was desperately needed. His calm willingness to listen at large University gatherings where students and faculty vented their fury and frustration at events outside their control; his defense of their right to dissent but his opposition to all forms of coercion defused what could have been incendiary moments. He focused attention on what was in Princeton's control, and he encouraged students and others to channel their passions in constructive ways. Not only did Princeton survive this era, the University was actually strengthened by it. The ferment of those years led to the opening of the FitzRandolph Gates as a symbol that the University was of the world and not apart from it; the creation of a University-wide deliberative body, the CPUC, and the Priorities Committee; and the inclusion of young alumni on our Board of Trustees.

I don't believe that you, the members of the graduating classes of 2008, could find a more compelling model than Bob Goheen for how to live in a world that is changing rapidly and how to change the world into a better place. His strengths as a leader were embedded in the qualities we hope to have instilled in each of you — an open-mindedness to new evidence that allows for the possibility that your original impressions were wrong, coupled with the courage to say so out loud; the habit of listening to and learning from the views of others, particularly those with whom you deeply disagree; the capacity to speak the truth as you understand it; a willingness to hold your ground against fierce opposition; a deep respect for learning as opposed to uninformed opinion; and the strength that grows out of humility and compassion for human shortcomings.

And so, as you walk, skip or run through the FitzRandolph Gates today, as educated citizens of this and many other nations, I hope you will carry forward the spirit of Bob Goheen and his beloved Princeton. And I expect you to continue to do as you have done at Princeton — to aim high and be bold.

My warmest wishes go forward to all of you!

RETURNING LEADER: Malcolm Warnock, Class of 1925 — the oldest returning Princetonian — led the P-Rade again this year. (Photo by George Vogel)

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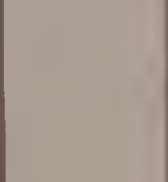
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Was Memorial Day Parade Politicized? Criticism Draws Criticism, and Support

To the Editor:

This is in response to a concern expressed regarding the Boy Scouts being banner carriers for our elected officials during the Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day parade (Town Topics Mailbox, May 28).

Memorial Day is a time when our nation honors those servicemen and servicewomen who have sacrificed to protect our constitutional form of government. It is a day when we put aside political partisanship and pay our respects to those who fought to protect this great nation.

It is in that spirit that both our U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator attended the parade, acting as the constitutional representatives of the people they serve. We saw their participation as symbolizing our government's homage to those who serve our nation.

Troop 43 was honored to be a part of this ceremony to pay respect to those in the armed services and to march with the people's representatives in Congress.

Scouts have served as escorts for elected officials at many types of official governmental ceremonies from inaugurations of Presidents to Fourth of July parades. We will continue to do so as long as the event is connected to the official celebrations of our nation. Scouting promotes national and community service and we are pleased to honor those who serve our community and our nation, no matter their political association.

I hope this puts in context the spirit in which we participated in the parade.

MARSHALL FREEDMAN
Scoutmaster
Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43

To the Editor:

My career in Scouting spans six years, two years of which I served as Assistant Scout Master of Troop 271 in Brooklyn. I reached the rank of Life Scout and was honored last year by the Central New Jersey Boy Scout Council when I was awarded an honorary Eagle Scout certificate. I mention this only to establish my knowledge and admiration of Scouting and its role for good in our community.

Therefore I was appalled to read the partisan political orientation of Mr. Essig's letter (Town Topics, May 28). For many years, Scouts across the country have been proud to march with our country's election officials, in honor of our nation and its heroes. Congressman Rush Holt and Senator Lautenberg are leading members of Congress and are our respected representatives. I feel that Scouts, and the young men who had the honor of marching with Congressman Holt and Senator Lautenberg, would be equally proud if our presently elected officials happened to be Republicans.

Historically, Scouts have participated in governmental activities with no regard to partisan concerns. I certainly hope they will continue to do so, and that the young men who had the recent honor of marching with our congressman and senator will carry that special memory for a long time to come. For Mr. Essig to imply that Congressman Holt or Senator Lautenberg need to gain votes through marching with four Boy Scouts must be termed ludicrous.

HERB GREENBERG
Cherry Hill Road

To the Editor:

It was a glorious Memorial Day parade and I commend the organizers' community and patriotic spirit and appreciate the hard work it takes to bring off these events. I am troubled, however, by the seeming double standard applied when it comes to defining "non-partisan" as it relates to the parade and as appears in your website's description of the nature of the parade.

In a detailed description of the upcoming parade which appeared in Town Topics on May 21, the following statement appeared: "No political campaigning is allowed." I presume this information was furnished to the press by the organizing committee. This stated position was taken at face value by our Republican organization and thus we did not seek to participate in the parade.

Officials from the Princetons marched in the parade, including one from the Borough Council currently running for office. I do not find this particularly objectionable as there was no overt electioneering. Imagine my surprise, however, to see two federal office holders, both Democrats and involved in contested partisan elections, also marching in the parade with their campaign banners. Frankly, I found this development disturbing and a violation of the ground rules for the parade as I understood them. Was I under a misapprehension, or do the "rules" apply only to Republicans?

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Foundation's Plant Sale Supported Pettoranello Gardens Beautification

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Princeton/Pettoranello Sister City Foundation, I would like to thank everyone who supported our plant sale on Saturday, May 10. Thanks to the board of trustees and gardeners for their generous time, and to area residents who came to Pettoranello Gardens to make their purchases, our sale was an enormous success. In addition, I wish to give special recognition and thanks to Alfred and Irene Perna, owners of Mazur Nursery in Lawrenceville, who worked in partnership with the Foundation to supply plants for our sale.

This event required months of careful planning and the dedication of these individuals made the plant sale an outstanding success. Money raised from this event will be used to continue the Pettoranello Gardens park beautification project.

ELEANOR "ELLIE" PINELLI
President
Princeton/Pettoranello Sister City Foundation

Tax Burden, Not Inadequate Housing, Seen as Driving Seniors Out of Town

To the Editor:

Every time a wealthy developer shows up, wanting to chew up what little green space we have left, there are many advocates who emerge with plaintive arguments that these expensive condos are vital to keep our beloved senior citizens in the community. For some reason, it is also argued by these developers that a person be deemed a senior citizen at age 55. This could lead a reasonable person to guess that the whole "senior citizen" plea is nothing more than a ruse, for the benefit of those who aren't paying attention.

It seems like a blinding glimpse of the obvious that senior citizens are being driven out of our community, not because of a lack of ample modest housing stock, but because municipal expenses are completely out of control.

This is an area where it would be greatly appreciated if those who call themselves senior citizen advocates could express themselves on our behalf.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON
Governors Lane

Celebration at Morven Museum Recalls Princeton's Time as the Nation's Capital

To the Editor:

Thanks to the support of the 1783 Committee, 1783 Honorary Chair Nina Mitchell Wells, Secretary of State, and Governor Jon S. Corzine, the opening event of Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital, held at Drumthwacket and Morven Museum & Garden on May 27, was met with great excitement.

For the next seven months, special programs celebrating the 225th anniversary of Princeton's service as the nation's capital in 1783 will showcase this important period in the early history of the country. The celebration began with the June 1 opening of a special exhibition at Morven Museum & Garden of more than 100 paintings, artifacts, and historic documents, and will end with the Patriot's Week celebration in Trenton in December. In between, there will be reenactments, exhibitions, lectures, and performances at numerous sites to promote New Jersey's great Revolutionary history.

We welcome everyone to join in the 225th anniversary celebration. A complete listing of events and schedules may be found at www.revolutionaryprinceton.org, or by calling (609) 924-8144, ext. 106.

MARTHA LEIGH WOLF
Executive Director
Morven Museum & Garden

Hamilton Jewelers Thanked by Winner Of Mother's Day "Best Mom Contest"

To the Editor:

One of my favorite things about living in Princeton is that there is always another wonderful surprise waiting just around the corner.

This month, Hamilton Jewelers provided that surprise by choosing my 6-year-old daughter, Faith, as the winner of the Mother's Day "best mom letter contest," which meant that I received a fabulous Aaron Basha baby shoe charm from the new collection.

I would publicly like to thank Hamilton Jewelers for their generosity and to thank Terri Goldsmith and Alan Dowler for being so kind to my daughter when presenting us with this wonderful gift. I will cherish the charm as much as the memory.

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Books

Reunion and Book Tour Coincide for Princeton Alum

Book talks, a weekly (and sometimes twice-weekly) occurrence at Labyrinth Books on Nassau Street, have come to follow a fairly predictable format.

People begin to gather around a basement table laden with cookies, grapes, soda, and (if it's evening) wine a few minutes before starting time. Depending on the speaker that day, the ages and attire will vary ("Will Close Read for Food," read the sweatshirt of one young recent attendee). The occasional young child flitting through or nestling next to an adult adds a soupçon of casualness to the proceedings.

As people eventually drift toward their seats, store owner Dorothea von Moltke steps up to the podium and says a few words about the speaker(s) that day. Here similarities end, as each author — who may be an environmentalist, philosopher, literary critic, historian, political scientist, sociologist — steps forward and takes over. (Or doesn't take over: at one recent presentation the three co-editors of a book sat back and mostly waited for the audience to ask questions.) Many speakers read passages from their books, and many are, at various times, amusing, surprising, pompous, or poignant as they offer up versions of their "back stories."

Jennifer Kogler's appearance last Saturday to talk about her new book, *The Otherworldlies*, was in a different category altogether. Despite her admitted anxiety about arriving at a reading and not having an audience show up, the 26-year-old Princeton alumna, whose earlier book, *Ruby Tuesdoy*, originated as her senior thesis, found herself in front of a large, receptive audience that included family and classmates who had returned for reunion weekend.

There was a lot of laughter as Ms. Kogler, class of '03, regaled listeners with stories like the one about the old man who showed up for a reading with a shopping cart and asked her to marry him (she said no, even though he did have some nice action figures in the shopping cart), and described some fake online reviews she wrote for her new book ("This book is kind of like *Horry Potter*, but not as good.").

When a member of the audience insisted on asking serious questions, Ms. Kogler rose to the occasion. Her favorite authors, she said, include Harper Lee, Jane Austen, Nick Hornby, and Charles Dickens. According to press releases, Fern, the heroine of *The Otherworldlies*, "can communicate with her dog, blisters from just moments in the sun and has correctly predicted the weather every day for more than two years." She has a twin brother who helps her "gain control of her emerging supernatural powers as she is thrust into the middle of a centuries-old battle between Otherworldly forces which could destroy her and endanger everyone she loves," so it seemed appropriate to ask whether Madeleine L'Engle (author of *A Wrinkle in Time*) was an influence. She was.

Ms. Kogler said that she is "thrilled to be writing for this (young adult) age, because it's when I fell in love with reading." Joyce Carol Oates described *Ruby Tuesdoy*, Ms. Kogler's first book, as "Irresistibly readable and wonderfully funny."

Born and raised in California, Ms. Kogler currently attends Stanford Law School and is working on her third novel.

— Effen Gilbert

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG WOMAN: Princeton alumna Jennifer Kogler recently posed with her new book, "Otherworldlies," before an appearance at Labyrinth Books.

PDS Works Selected For Poetry Anthology

Princeton Day School students whose works were selected for publication in the Arts Council anthology *UnderAGE*, will read their poems at a reception celebrating the 20th anniversary of the journal on Thursday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center at Princeton High School.

PDS third-graders Maxwell Maudlin, Georgia Eugenides, and fourth-grader Abby Bilenkin, all of Princeton, will have poems featured in the anthology, along with upper school students Ali Berger of Skillman, C.J. Martino of Hillsborough, Becky Wong of Flemington, and Juan Carlos Melendez-Torres, Sarah Matthes, Ben Burwell, Eric Falcon, and Will Kearney, all of Princeton.

"PDS is very proud of the interest in poetry among such a wide range of students — ages 8 to 17 — as well the talent reflected in these works," said Judy Michaels, PDS poet-in-residence.

Juan Carlos Melendez-Torres, Ali Berger, and Sarah Matthes also earned recognition recently for their poetry as Judges' Picks in the Rutgers Newark/New Jersey State poetry contest.

The Arts Council anthology includes selected writing and visual art by students throughout central New Jersey.

YOUNG POETS: PDS third-graders Georgia Eugenides and Maxwell Maudlin, and fourth-grader Abby Bilenkin, all of Princeton, will have poems featured in the Arts Council publication, "UnderAGE."

SIGNING AT WINDROWS: Russell Marks signs copies of his first novel, "Nematodes," an adventure mystery set largely in Peru. Mr. Marks is shown with Windrows residents (from left) Robert Craig, Rosemary O'Brien, Martha Wiser, and Joseph Genster. A graduate of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, Mr. Marks is a resident trustee on Princeton Windrows' board of directors. The book can be purchased at Labyrinth Books in Princeton or onlioe through Xlibris at www.Xlibris.com.

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Princeton Public Library Presents Author of "Worshipping Walt"

Michael Robertson will discuss *Worshipping Walt*, his book about Walt Whitman's disciples, on Monday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Thinking Allowed series at Princeton Public Library. The event is co-sponsored by the library and the publisher, Princeton University Press.

Believed to be the first in-depth examination of the Whitman disciples, an eclectic group of 19th-century men and women who regarded Whitman not simply as a poet but as a religious prophet, Mr. Robertson's book depicts an era of intense religious, political, and sexual passions, shedding light on why Whitman's work continues to appeal to so many.

Despite Whitman's protests, woman of letters Anne Gilchrist moved her entire household from London to Philadelphia in an effort to marry him. Historian John Addington Symonds sent him fan mail for 20 years, and volunteer assistant Horace Traubel kept a record of Whitman's daily conversations, producing a nine-volume compilation.

Long before Whitman was established in the canon of American poetry, feminists, socialists, spiritual seekers and supporters of same-sex relationships saw him as an enlightened figure. To his disciples, he was variously an ideal husband, radical lover, socialist icon, or bohemian saint.

In his transatlantic group biography, Mr. Robertson also explores the highly charged connections between Whitman and followers that included Canadian psychiatrist R. M. Bucke, American nature writer John Burroughs, British activist Edward Carpenter, and Oscar Wilde. Despite their particular needs, they all viewed Whitman as the author of a new poetic scripture and prophet of a modern liberal spirituality.

The New Yorker called *Worshipping Walt* "a series of entertaining and acutely observed biographies of the 'Whitman disciples,'" while The Financial Times said that "Robertson's collection of reflective biographies brilliantly illuminates Whitman's life and the wider life of his poetry," and described it as a book of "physical, intellectual, and spiritual adventures," with "the author's own adventures with Whitman as not the least of its pleasures."

Mr. Robertson is a professor of English at the College of New Jersey. He is the author of the award-winning *Stephen Crane, Journalism, and the Making of Modern American Literature* and the coeditor of *Walt Whitman, Where the Future Becomes Present*. A former freelance journalist, he has written for the Village Voice, the New York Times, the Columbia Journalism Review and numerous scholarly journals.

The Thinking Allowed series highlights books, authors and other material published by the Princeton University Press. The series will resume in September.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. If programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The physically challenged should contact the library at (609) 924-9529 48 hours before any program with questions about special accommodations.

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The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. Convenient parking is available on neighboring streets and in the borough-operated Spring Street Garage, which is adjacent to the library. For more information about library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Words, Music for All Ages At Library This Summer

A busy schedule of programs, including author appearances, musical performances, and film screenings, await participants in the Princeton Public Library's reading clubs this summer.

This year's s theme invites children to "Catch the Reading Bug," while stories of transformation and change will be the focus of clubs for teens and adults. Summer will also see the return of the popular Wee Reads Preschool Club, which has become a model for similar programs nationwide.

In all of the summer reading clubs, members will read to earn a variety of gifts, ranging from stickers and pencils, to a Flip Video and a card redeemable for free gasoline.

Music

Summer concerts at the library include Westminster Conservatory's Jazz Trios on June 13 at 7 p.m., and an all-ages country and bluegrass event featuring Jim Murphy and the Pine Barons on June 16 at 7 p.m. This family-friendly event featuring refreshments and door prizes will be held on Albert E. Hinds Community Plaza (weather permitting) or in the library's Community Room. Mr. Murphy's appearance also marks the *first event in the "Sounds of the Garden State" concert* series. The Remus Lupins and three other wizard rock bands will appear on July 2 at 7 p.m. The folk-rock sounds of Jeff and Karen will be presented on July 14 at 7 p.m., and traditional Irish musicians Angelina Carberry and Martin Quinn will appear on July 30 at 7:30 p.m. A jazz concert will feature the Bradford Hayes Quartet on August 11 at 7 p.m.

Opera is being represented with a four-program series that began last week spotlighting the Princeton Festival (June 5, June 11 and June 18), a preview of the summer season of Opera New Jersey on June 19 at 7:30 p.m., and a program featuring the Westminster Conservatory Youth Opera Workshop on July 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Other highlights for children include Presley and Melody's Family Concert on June 18 at 1 p.m.; Dino-Man and his prehistoric bugs July 1 at 3 p.m.; singer-songwriter Yosi's "Snug as a Book Bug" pajama party concert for all ages on July 14 at 2 p.m.; and a magic show featuring Brian Richards on Aug. 6 at 3 p.m.

Highlights for teens this summer include a simultaneous chess event with grandmaster Sergey Kudrin on June 8 at 1 p.m.; a '90s Retro Play Day on July 12 at 2 p.m.; the Princeton Student Film Festival July 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; and a Three R's "Trashion" Workshop July 24 at 2 p.m.

Reading

The Wee Reads Club, for parents and children through age 4, will participate in 50 fun, age-appropriate early literacy activities, including reading books, sharing songs, and reciting nursery rhymes. Special programs for Wee Reads members include the Teddy Bears' Picnic on July 10 at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and the Wee Reads Preschool Bug Parade on July 14 at 1 p.m. The library will also feature a full lineup of story times.

Children ages 5-11 in this year's "Catch the Reading Bug" program will receive a reading record, time chart, a bookmark, and a pencil when they register. The more children read, the more prizes they can win from the library.

Adults can catch the reading bug too, with the "Seeds of Change" summer reading club that focuses on stories of metamorphosis and growth. To complement summer reading, the library will screen films about great transformations in the "Seeds of Change" series Mondays at 7 p.m. Titles include Across *the Universe* (June 12), *The Lives of Others* (July 7), *A Good Yeor* (July 28), and *Akeeloh and the Bee* (Aug. 18). The Greats Artists Change series will include films about career-altering risks, and will feature Charlie Chaplin's *Monsieur Verdoux* (July 3) Orson Welles's *F for Foke* (July 23), and *Let it Be*, featuring the Beatles, (August 6).

Adults can also hear a more literal interpretation of this year's theme with Jim Amon's "Seeds of Change" discussion about the Central Jersey landscape, and how to enrich it and restore its good health, on August 4 at 7 p.m.

Highlights for adults this summer also include a variety of author appearances: Michael Robertson (*Worshipping Wolt*), June 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Stuart Nachbar (*The Sex Ed Chronicles*), June 10 at 7:30 p.m., Anne Martindell (*Never Too Lote*), June 22 at 3 p.m.; Rosemary Harris (*Pushing Up Doisies*), June 24 at 7:30 p.m;. and Debbie Lee Wesselmann (Coptivity) June 24 at 7:30 p.m. Audiobook narrator CJ Critt will present an all-Evanovich discussion July 31 at 7 p.m.

The library's second floor Reference Gallery is featuring an exhibit of drawings of Princeton University sculpture by Luba Model through July 17, followed by Heart Gallery: 100 Waiting Children, an exhibit focusing on older children in New Jersey's foster care system, July 22 to August 10

A full schedule of library programs is in "Connections," the quarterly newsletter available at the library or online at www.princetonlibrary.org/connections.

WOROS OF LOVE: Author Trish Ryan will be at Westerly Road Church on Thursday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall Coffee House to read selections from her new book, "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not: A Memoir of Finding Faith, Hope, and Happily Ever After." She will also answer questions. The book concerns her "not-so-perfect love life and her quest to find true happiness in life — especially in relationships." No registration is required, and the event is free. To learn more about the book or the author, visit www.trishryanonline.com. To learn more about Westerly Road Church, visit www.westerlyroad.org.

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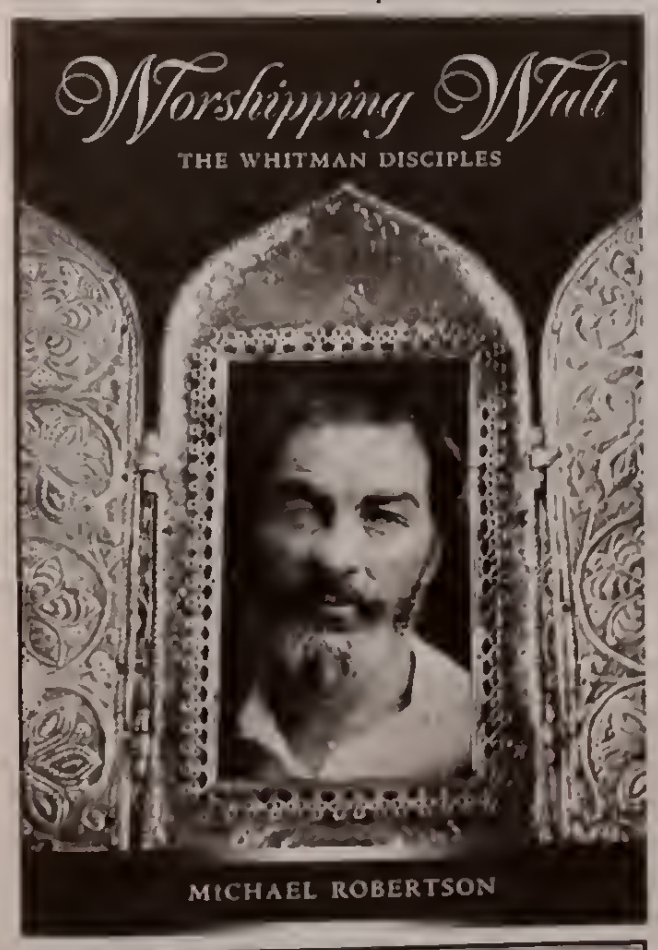

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"REFLECTIONS OF VERSAILLES": Students from Princeton area schools showing off their artwork last week at the Nassau Club. Students from Hopewell Valley Regional High School, The Hun School of Princeton, The Pennington School, Princeton High School and Stuart Country Day School contributed close to 40 original works of artwork based on Versailles, each of which was professionally framed by The Framesmith Gallery (3495 US Route 1). Selected paintings will be featured at the end of June in storefront windows throughout Princeton, Pennington, and Hopewell. All artwork will be auctioned during The Bastille Day Ball. Starting bids will be $100 per piece of art, all proceeds going to Trinity Counseling Service. For more information about the Ball or to purchase tickets, contact Trinity Counseling Service at (609) 924-0060 or visit www.trinitycounseling.org.

Art

Grounds For Sculpture Celebrates a Birthday

Grounds For Sculpture's birthday bash will take place on Saturday, June 7, between 11a.m. and 5 pm. The day-long event celebrates not only the 1992 founding of Grounds For Sculpture but the arts in all their glory. There will be gifts with hourly door prize drawings and free ice cream and cake for the family. People who are curious about a particular sculpture in the park can bring their questions to the annual Meet the Artists program or tour the grounds with select Artists-in-the-Park at 11a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Free workshops for the family include a Peacock Relief Project from Noon to 4 p.m. and a Community Quilt Project from 11 to 4. Free musical performances throughout the day are kicked off by the Hamilton Township Chamber Orchestra at 11 and continue until 5 p.m. with an eclectic grouping of local acts ranging from acoustic to jazz to rock, including a special dance performance from TEDI at 2 p.m. Attendees can also try for top prize in the annual Peacock Calling Contest. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org

The event is free with admission to the park, which is $10, $8 for students and seniors, and $6 for children ages 6 to 12. Grounds For Sculpture is located in Hamilton on the site of the former NJ State Fairgrounds, where it was founded by J. Seward Johnson to promote an understanding of and appreciation for contemporary sculpture for all people. Visitors to the park, which is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., can enjoy permanent and seasonal exhibitions and learn about contemporary sculpture through tours and hands-on workshops. In addition, the park also offers concerts, dance and drama performances, film screenings, fairs and celebrations, community gatherings, a 35-acre arboretum, shopping, and dining which includes the highly-rated fine dining destination, Rat's Restaurant.

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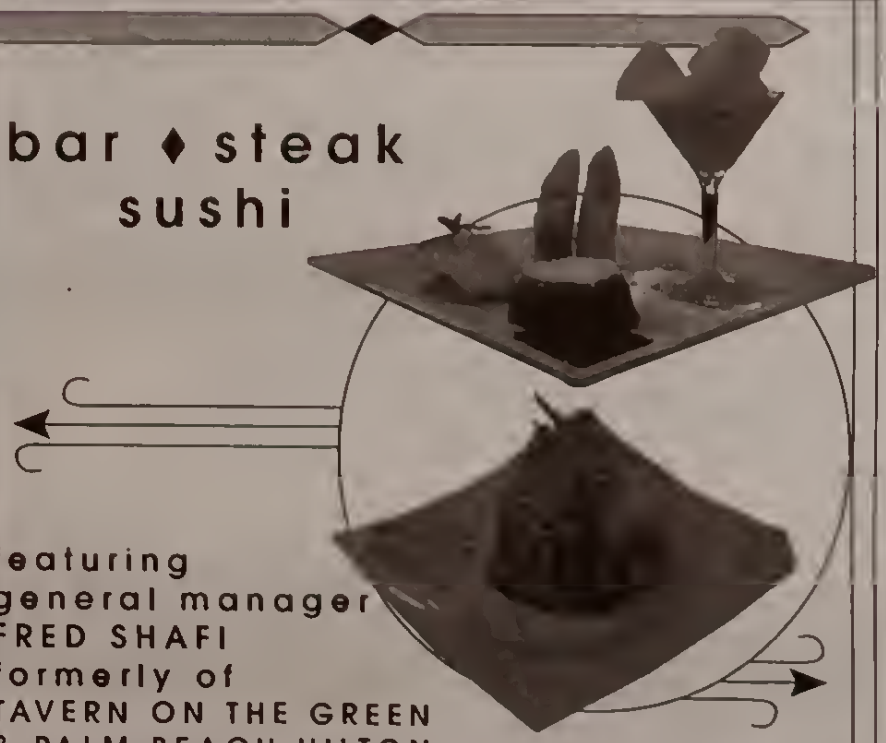

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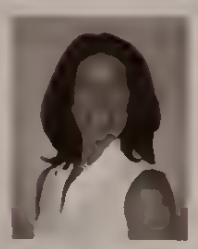

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"EAGLE HUNTER WITH HOOOEO EAGLE": Galiery 14 charter member, Princeton photographer Oavid H. Miiler will be showing this photograph at the New York Saimagundi Club Open Photography and Graphics exhibit from June 16 to 27. Located at 47 Fifth Avenue in New York between 11th and 12th streets, the Salmagundi Ciub will hoid a pubiic reception for the artists on June 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Mr. Miller took this photograph as part of a 2007 series of the Kazakhs of far western Mongolia who use golden eagles to hunt foxes and wolves in the high steppes. This exhibit is the club's annual open non-member photography and graphics exhibit selected by a jury of artists. The Galiery is open 7 days a week from 1-5 p.m. Other examples of Davld Milier's photography may be seen at www.dhmiilerphotography.com, or on the gallery website, www.photogaiiery14.com.

"OUR LADY OF THE RIVER": This work by Barbara Warren is among those that will be on view in the Phillips' Mill Photographic Exhibition hosted by Artsbridge, which opens with a reception on Saturday, June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the RiverRun Gallery in Lambertville, 287 Route 29 South (the Laceworks Building). Awards will be presented to artists in each category and music will be provided by blues guitarist Geoff Caldwell of Stockton, and harmonica player Guy DeRosa. The exhibit will run from Sunday, June 8 to Sunday, June 29, daily from noon to 5, closed Tuesdays. All art work will be on sale.

Young Achievers Exhibit Artwork

The Arts Council of Princeton, together with Princeton Young Achievers, will host an end-of-the-year art exhibition featuring work from the "Creative Friday" program, on Friday June, 6 from 5-7 p.m., at the Henry Pannell Center, 66 Witherspoon Street. This event is free and open to the public.

Since 1993, Princeton Young Achievers has been offering educational after-school programs for children (grades K-5) in Princeton's public housing neighborhoods. The Arts Council has partnered with PYA for the last four years in providing art instruction every Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. throughout the school year. These "Creative Friday" programs meet at Redding Circle, Princeton Community Village, and the Henry Pannell Center.

In addition to showcasing the students' artwork, the opening night event will highlight the permanent installation of three wall mosaics, created by using children's silhouettes, under the guidance of Arts Council instruction and Education Director Amarilis Matteo. The mosaics will be on permanent display at the Pannell Center.

Support for these arts program is provided by Janssen LLC, Horizon Foundation, Princeton Area Community Foundation, The Harbourton Foundation, Black Rock, Diana Weymar, J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The Arts Council and Princeton Young Achievers would like to acknowledge their instructors: Susan Hoenig, Bob Jenkins, Eva Mantell, Amarilis Matteo, and Cynthia Sage "for their inspiration and dedication."

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Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a joint exhibit featuring Beatrice Bork and Taylor Oughton from June 6 through July 6, with an opening reception on Saturday, June 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Artshridge is hosting its 14th Annual Juried Show. The opening reception is on Saturday, June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the RiverRun Gallery in Lambertville, 287 Route 29 South (the Laceworks Building). Awards will be presented to artists in each category and music will be provided by blues guitarist Geoff Caldwell of Stockton, and harmonica player Guy DeRosa. The show will run from Sunday, June 8 to Saturday, June 28, daily from noon to 5, closed Tuesdays. All art work will be on sale.

The Arts Council of Princeton will begin life in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts with a new exhibit, "Return: Home," which features 11 New Jersey-affiliated artists who explore the meaning of "home" from personal, political, and cultural perspectives. The opening reception on Thursday, June 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. will follow a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening festivities. "Time for TASP: a Gala Reception and Auction," which celebrates the future of the Trenton After School Program, will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. The evening will begin with a building tour and auction preview.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps is presenting "Points of Reference," featuring the work of five artists, which will run through June 29.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana, and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artists of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library, 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is hosting an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts through June 29.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton is hosting a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations through September in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Occasionally, the galleries are closed for meetings or other special events. Please call us at (609) 924-4646 before you visit.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals, and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Ground Zero + 7" featuring new work by fine art photographers Marty Schwartz and Joanna Tully. The show runs through June 22.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is presenting "Variations in Clay," a group show featuring the artwork of Kathryn Hackl, Joe McCaffrey, Ruth Jourjine, and Jeanette Solomon through July 12. Sculptures by Peter Voulkos and Toshiko Takaezu are on view in the museum building. On view in the Domestic Arts Building are pieces by Peter Callas, Paul Chaleff, Robert T. Cooke, Takeao Okazaki, and Rudolph Serra. Outside, visitors will find work by Larry Estridge and Lila Katzen. The Tots on Tour program, where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities, takes place on the third Saturday of every month, June through October at 11 a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. There will be a docent-led tour on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m. , and a Curator Museum Tour, 300 years of Princeton History, on Friday, June 27 at 3 p.m; Free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" through August 3. Now open in the Wachovia Gallery is "Dog Dogs," a sampling from an extensive series by American photojournalist Elliott Erwitt; the tentative closing date, August 31, is subject to change due to an expansion project at the Museum. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800. "Art and the River" is opening at the Della Penna Gallery at James A. Michener Museum in New Hope on June 13 and will run through October 5.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, through July 31. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celmins" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Lachman Gallery at Street Road in Peddler's Village in Lahaska, Pa., is presenting a special three-day exhibition by Al Lachman and open house on June 6, 7, and 8.

Mercer County Community College's Gallery is presenting "Art All Over," which runs through July 3. A reception is set for Saturday, June 14, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., and a Gallery Conversation will take place Wednesday, June 18, at noon. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Communications Building on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. Admission and all programs at the Gallery are free and open to the public.

Morven Museum and Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its reopening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

Phillips' Mill, 2619 River Road (Route 32), two miles north of New Hope in Solebury Township, is presenting its 16th annual juried Photographic Exhibition, through June 22, featuring the images of more than 120 photographic artists from the Delaware Valley and around the country. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free admission. Information: (215) 622-5599 or www.phillipsmill.org.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting its 125th anniversary exhibit, "An Educated Eye: Princeton University Art Museum Collections," through June 15. "Polygons to Printmaking: The Work of Frank Stella, 1958–1997" is on view through June 15. Continuing through June 8 is "Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove." The museum's "Early Warhol in Context" will be on view through June 8.

Queenstown Gallery at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, formerly the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery, is presenting a solo show of acrylic paintings by Susan Strazzella through late June.

The Ruth Morpeth Gallery at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell is hosting "This Very Body," an exhibit by Hetty Baiz that will continue through June 30.

Small World Coffee is showing acrylic paintings by Jessica King at its 254 Nassau Street location from June 3 through July 1. Hours are Monday – Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park is currently presenting the Ellarslie Open XXVI, which will be on view through June 22.

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Venturing in the Slipstream With Van Morrison and Johnny Depp

"There was o redemptive element in the blackness, ultimote compassion for the suffering of others, and a swath of pure beauty ond mystical awe that cut right through the heart of the work."

—Lester Bangs on *Astral Weeks*

This is an anniversary year both for Johnny Depp, who turns 45 next Monday, and for the album that changed his life, Van Morrison's *Astrol Weeks*, which was recorded 40 years ago this fall. Though he came of age a decade later, Depp absorbed the "compassion," "beauty," and "mystical awe" Lester Bangs heard in this music created in the heart of the 1960s, and it's the spirit of that decade, enriched by the influx of forces from the 1950s like Jack Kerouac and James Dean, that shaped and expanded his character as a performer. Johnny Depp is an actor capable of being a genre unto himself, a possibility Murray Pomerance raises in his book Johnny Depp *Storts Here* (Rutgers 2005). What Depp discovered in the brave new world of *Astrol Weeks* helped him to become, in Pomerance's words, an actor "whose selection of roles, whose infusion into the roles he plays, whose depth of commitment to his performance, whose subtlety of expression, whose range of athleticism and grace, whose physical plasticity and immense vocal range, contribute in sum to a performance style that is at once surprising, brilliant, unparalleled, unrepeated, and unrepeatable."

That description, including, especially, the chorus of superlatives at the end, can also be applied to what happens in *Astral Weeks*. Though Pomerance covers a dizzying assortment of influences and associations during his expedition into the land of Depp, he begins his book with reference to the Moment of Truth that set up all that followed. Recalling the visitation in the July 8, 1999 Rolling Stone ("The Night I Met Allen Ginsberg"), Depp pictures himself as a clueless 13-year-old daydreaming about girls and listening to a Peter Frampton album when his older brother snatched it off the turntable, "grabbed a record from his own collection" and put it on. Affronted by this fraternal presumption, Depp was prepared to dismiss the music ("They're not even plugged in! Those guitars aren't electric!"); all he heard at first was "a guitar, fretless stand-up bass, flutes and some Creep pining away about venturing 'in the slipstream between the viaduct of your dreams.'" But then the words "began to to hit home; they didn't play that kind of stuff on the radio, and as the melody of the song settled in, I was starting to get kind of used to it." A massive understatement. No more songs about "summer breezes and afternoon delights." A new life had begun: "I needed space to be filled!!! Filled with sound ... and words ... words that meant something ... sounds that meant something!" He describes it as being his "ascension (or descension) into the mysteries of all things considered Outside."

If you've seen or heard Van Morrison in one of his self-instigated onstage trances, stopping and starting, with his garbled "starstruck innuendoes" and stammered summonings of what he calls "the inarticulate music of the heart," you know just how far outside the norm he can venture. Listening to him being interviewed on a Boston "underground" FM station in the summer of 1968, I felt sorry for the person asking the questions. Other rock stars visiting Boston had been relaxed and forthcoming with this hip young DJ. Not Van Morrison. He was stupefyingly difficult, an interviewer's nightmare. I could barely make sense of a word he said and neither could the DJ. He might have been talking to a Martian, or to a character as wrapped in the mysteries of the Outside as the ones Johnny Depp plays so brilliantly, like the angelic clown in *Benny ond Joon*. Judging from the discomfort betrayed by this usually super cool radio personality, you'd have thought he was interviewing another Depp outsider named Edward Scissorhands. In fact, the only actor who could play Van Morrison and get away with it is our hero, the same performer who stole Hunter Thompson's soul in the druggy sixties epic, *Fear ond Loothing in Los Vegos*. Speaking of out-there roles, for a start how about Ed Wood in drag, Willy Wonka, Jack Sparrow, Sweeney Todd, and Ichabod Crane?

Intoxication

While you don't have to be high to appreciate the wonders of *Astrol Weeks* — which can make you high anyway all by itself — it doesn't hurt to have some sort of assistance to slow you down and open your mind and senses to just how far from ordinary notions of time and space this music is venturing. In its richest moments, multiple themes and tempos come into play at the same time. You've got Morrison strumming strong and steady on his acoustic guitar while singing passionate lyrical incantations that follow their own weird, sometimes staggered, sometimes staggering course; you've got a gypsy violinist weaving exotic subplots; you've got Richard Davis, one of the best jazz bassists of his generation creating hypnotic counterpoint to Morrison's incantations; you've got the Modern Jazz Quartet's drummer Connie Kay telling his own story "as the leaves fall one by one by one," and somewhere in the back streets there's a

classical guitar plucking your heartstrings as Jay Berliner puts another storyline into the mix; there's also a flute evoking "gardens all wet with rain," and in the song-movie called "Cyprus Avenue" there's the tolling effect at the end so evocative and haunting, it's enough to send you looning off to Van Morrison's Belfast to see "the avenue of trees" for yourself.

What makes the album so special, so hypnotic, so intoxicating, is the harmonious converging of all these different moods and modes, thanks to Lewis Merenstein's *production and to string arrangements by Larry Fallon that surge, charge, and caress, always at their own* suggestive pace. When you put Van Morrison's singing on top of the glorious chaos of that soundscape, what happens is the "unrepeated and unrepeatable" sublime.

In the Studio

Interviewed years later, Richard Davis could offer no cogent explanation for what happened at Century Sound Studios in New York on September 25, October 1, and October 15, 1968. No plan had been given. "No prep, no meeting," Davis recalled. "He was remote from us, 'cause he came in and went into a booth .... And that's where he stayed, isolated in a booth. I don't think he ever introduced himself to us, nor we to him ... he seemed very shy." Very strange, he probably means. According to Connie Kay, "When I asked him what he wanted me to play, he said to play whatever I felt like playing."

Davis also pointed to the importance of the time of day, the most productive session having taken place after dusk, from 7 to 10 p.m: "You know how it is at dusk when the day has ended but it hasn't? .... You've just come back from a dinner break, some guys have had a drink or two, it's this dusky part of the day and everybody's relaxed ... I remember the ambiance of that time of day was all through everything we played." As for the dynamic of a situation where the leader is literally outside, "away from it all," Davis claimed that the musicians actually didn't pay all that much attention to the lyrics. "We listened to him because you have to play along with the singer, but mostly we were playing with each other. We were into what we were doing and he was into what he was doing," and instead of falling into chaos, everything fell into place.

"To love the love"

Without making claims for any direct connection between phrases and motifs in *Astral Weeks* and Johnny Depp's style as an actor, it's safe to say that he absorbed some indispensable lessons from the dramatic ways Morrison uses and benignly abuses language, whether he's stuttering ("my tongue gets t-t-tled") or riffing ("my-m-my-my sweet thing") or making word-magic into music, most movingly in "Madame George." When he sings "Dry your eye for Madame George," who is about to be abandoned and possibly busted, he makes an echo of it, "youreye, youreye, youreye," which follows what he does with "glove" — "And as you're about to leave/She jumps up and says, 'Hey love, you forgot your gloves,'" inspiring the movingly sung play on "love" and "glove": "And the love that loves that loves to love the love to love the love the glove."

Whether you're an actor or a writer or anyone creating anything, *when Morrison bares the heart of the language that way, improvising on the spot, it's evidence of the daring aesthetic* displacements of the Outside, like those words 13-year-old Johnny Depp imagined filling "that space with sound ... and words ... words that meant something ... sounds that meant something!"

Anyone curious to learn more about the creation of *Astrol Weeks* should check out the strong, well-documented entry on Wikipedia, which is where some of my information, including the quotes from Richard Davis and Connie Kay, came from. The album is widely available on CD, which, like DVDs of most of Johnny Depp's films, can he found at the Princeton Public Library.

—Stuart Mitchner

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Music

Princeton Symphony Names 5 Conductors For 2008-09 Season

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra will again welcome five guest conductors to lead its Classical Series for its 2008-09 season as it enters the second phase of its search for a new Music Director. The guest conductors for the new season will be Andrew Grams, Tito Muñoz, Mei-Ann Chen, Julian Kuerti, and Scott Yoo.

The programs the guest conductors have chosen will encompass familiar as well as unusual works, many performed by the PSO for the first time. Major symphonic works by Brahms, Shostakovich, Mendelssohn, Bartok, Smetana, and Tchaikovsky will be performed. Other season highlights will include the November concert reflecting themes of revolution as the orchestra participates in the 225th anniversary celebration of the year 1783, when Princeton was the nation's capital. The concert will be followed by a tour of the historic mansion and gardens of Morven.

The PSO has also commissioned a new clarinet concerto from composer Paul Moravec, Artist in Residence at the Institute for Advanced Study, for the Edward T. Cone Series in January 2009.

Andrew Grams

Andrew Grams will make his Chicago Symphony and Baltimore Symphony debuts this season. Currently resident conductor of the Florida Orchestra, he has just completed a three-year term as assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra. A Maryland native, he began conducting at 17 when he led the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. In 1999, he received a bachelor of music degree in violin performance from the Juilliard School of Music, and in 2003, he received a conducting degree from the Curtis Institute of Music. He has appeared with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, and worked with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony, Curtis Symphony Orchestra, and Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra.

Tito Muñoz

Tito Muñoz is currently assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra and a conducting fellow of the League of American Orchestras. He previously served as assistant conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. An alumnus of the National Conducting Institute, he made his professional conducting debut in 2006 with the National Symphony Orchestra. He has since appeared with the Cincinnati Pops, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, and the orchestras of the Aspen Music Festival, Cleveland Institute of Music, Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, and Colburn School in Los Angeles. He made his European debut with the Orchestre Lyrique de Région Avignon-Provence and will make his operatic debut in 2009 with the Opéra National de Lorraine. A native of New York City, he began his musical training on the violin in the Juilliard School's Music Advancement Program, then continued his training in music and composition at the Manhattan School of Music and the Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College.

Mei-Ann Chen

Mei-Ann Chen is assistant conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Her career attracted much attention in 2005 after she won the international Nicolai Malko Competition for Conductors, the first woman to do so in its 40-year history. Her international career was launched with orchestras throughout Scandinavia, Taiwan, and the U.S. She maintains a guest conducting schedule with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, the Taiwan National Symphony, the Norwegian Radio Orchestra, and Norrlands Opera in Sweden. Before arriving in Atlanta, she directed five seasons as conductor and music director of the Portland Youth Philharmonic (2002-07) and served as assistant conductor of the Oregon Symphony (2003-05). A native of Taiwan, she studied violin performance at the New England Conservatory.

Julian Kuerti

Julian Kuerti, currently in his first season as an assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, has conducted extensively in Europe and in North and South America, including concerts with the Toronto Symphony, the National Symphony Orchestra, Berliner Symphoniker, and the Budapest Festival Orchestra. Born in Toronto in 1976, he began his instrumental training on the violin. After earning an honors degree in engineering and physics, he began his conducting studies in 2000 at the University of Toronto. A year later he moved to Germany to complete his education, finishing his studies there in 2005 at the University of the Arts Berlin. He pursued additional training in conducting with the Finnish Maestro Jorma Panula and with Maestro David Zinman at the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen in 2004. His upcoming engagements include debuts with the Calgary Philharmonic, the Victoria Symphony, and the Edmonton Symphony.

Scott Yoo

Scott Yoo, music director of the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival in California, has also served as music director of the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra, an ensemble he founded in 1993. He continues his role as the resident conductor for the Colorado College Summer Music Festival that he has led for the past four seasons. Last season (2006-07), he made conducting appearances with the Utah Symphony, Florida Orchestra, Omaha Symphony, Seoul Philharmonic, and others. He returned to conduct several weeks of concerts with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra during the 2007-08 season. An accomplished violinist, he has also played and/or conducted with the San Francisco Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, and Kansas City Symphony.

The 2008-09 PSO Classical Series concerts, all on Sundays at 4 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium, are scheduled for September 28 with Andrew Grams conducting, November 9 with Tito Muñoz conducting, January 18, 2009 with Mei-Ann Chen conducting, March 15 with Julian Kuerti conducting, and April 26 with Scott Yoo conducting.

Season tickets for the 2008-09 season are priced from $70 to $270 for a subscription, and from $16 to $64 for individual tickets. For more information on the PSO 2008-09 season, call the symphony's office at (609) 497-0020 or visit www.princetonsymphony.org.

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Westminster Conservatory Plans "American Salute"

Community ensembles from Westminster Conservatory of Music will present "An American Salute" on Saturday, June 14 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The Westminster Community Orchestra, conducted by Ruth Ochs, and the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choirs, conducted by Yvonne Macdonald and Patricia Thel, will perform works that have been associated with American history and culture.

The program will include selections from *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, *Grond Canyon Suite* by Ferde Grofé, and Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo* by Aaron Copland. The choirs will also perform *Earth*songs by David Brunner.

Founded in 1985, the Westminster Community Orchestra is a performing ensemble based at Westminster Conservatory of Music. Members are professional and amateur musicians from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Ochs, who holds degrees in music and orchestral conducting from Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in musicology at Princeton University. While in Austin, she was music director of the University Orchestra at the University of Texas, conducted the top ensembles of the School of Music's acclaimed String Project, and made several guest appearances with the Austin Civic Orchestra. In 2001, shē was elected music director of the Austin Philharmonic.

The Westminster Cantus Choir and the training choirs Concino and Schola are all part of the Children's Choir program at Westminster Conservatory. Cantus has performed twice at the White House, once at the National Cathedral, and at Drumthwacket. The choirs have performed major orchestral works with the Princeton University Orchestra and the Westminster Community Orchestra.

Ms. Macdonald has been conductor of the Westminster Conservatory Concino and Schola Choirs since September 2006. She holds a graduate degree from the Royal Schools of Music and two associate diplomas from the Royal College of Music in London, England. She is presently the director of youth choirs and handbells at the Princeton United Methodist Church, where she directs six choirs.

Ms. Thel has been conductor of the Westminster Conservatory Children's Chorus program for 12 years. Under her direction, the choir has grown from a small vocal ensemble of 12 students to a program with more than 100 students in three choruses. She directs the Middle School Vocal Camp for Westminster during the summer and is presently the middle school choral director at Princeton Day School.

Admission will be $15 for adults or $10 for seniors and students. For tickets, call the Princeton University box office at (609) 258-9220 or visit www.princeton.edu/utickets.

37 Pianists to Compete At Festival Competition

Thirty-seven young musicians will display their talents on June 14 in the preliminary round of the Princeton Festival's piano competition. Admission to the preliminary round, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall on the Princeton University campus, will be free.

Contestants ranging in age from 7 to 20 will perform selections from the French piano repertoire — by composers such as Chaminade, Massenet, Debussy, Fauré, and Saint-Säens, reflecting the 2008 Festival's theme of La Belle Époque. The piano competition will be adjudicated by two professional pianists/teachers from New York City.

Even at their young age, the contestants have already demonstrated a high level of achievement. One 7-year-old has already performed in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. An 11-year-old won first place in the Steinway Society Scholarship Competition at Alice Tully Hall. A 12-year-old has been writing his own compositions since the age of 6. An 18-year-old has given solo and chamber music recitals in Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia and was invited to play for the Consulate General of Poland in New York City. Several contestants have performed concertos with symphony orchestras.

Three contestants in each of the five age groups — 15 pianists in all — will advance to the finals, which will be held at Taplin Auditorium on June 26 at 8 p.m. Winners will receive certificates, trophies, and cash prizes ranging from $100 to $500. One contestant will be selected to receive the Richard L. Tang Yuk Shield for most outstanding performer. Mr. Tang Yuk is Artistic Director of the Princeton Festival. For details of the competition and tickets, visit www.princetonfestival.org/PianoCompetition.htm. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Princeton Festival 2008 will run from June 14 to 29 and feature opera, musical theater, chamber music, organ music, lectures, a movie, and jazz in addition to the piano competition. For more information, visit www.princetonfestival.org.

Tickets may be ordered from the website or by phone at (800) 595-4849.

KEYBOARD GENIUS: The celebrated jazz pianist Mulgrew Miller will bring his trio to Princeton on Sunday, June 15 for a concert co-sponsored by Princeton JazzNights and the Princeton Festival. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. in Princeton University's Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall. Tickets are $45, available online at www.princetonfestival.org or by calling (800) 595-4849.

Mulgrew Miller Jazz Trio Here for June 15 Concert

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The trio features Mr. Miller on piano, Rodney Green on drums, and Ivan Taylor on bass.

The piano-bass-drums trio, one of the iconic groupings in jazz, is what many people think of when they think of jazz. Yet its tradition is of relatively recent vintage, having emerged in the late 1940s when new harmonic and rhythmic ideas were being introduced into swing by the practitioners of "bop."

"Piano trios existed before that, of course, but they tended to be devices to feature the pianist," said Matt Jones, co-founder with Mary Wisnovsky of Princeton JazzNights. "Today's trios are far more democratic — joint ventures, one might say. Bud Powell was the greatest of the bop pianists, and his trio recordings offer brilliant examples of the very best of jazz. The Mulgrew Miller trio, a linear descendant of Bud Powell's trio, is one of the best current examples of this art form."

Born in Greenwood, Miss. and now a resident of Easton, Pa., Mr. Miller has appeared all over the world and is often heard in New York City. Also active in jazz education, he currently serves as director of the Jazz Studies Program at William Patterson University in Wayne, N.J. He is also one of the most widely recorded jazz artists today. His trios can be heard on a set of four live CDs on MaxJazz, "Live at Yoshi's," Vols. 1 and 2, and "Live at Lincoln Center," Vols. 1 and 2.

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The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 189 South Broad Street, Trenton, will host a gospel concert benefiting HomeFront on Saturday, June 28 at 5 p.m. The Redeemer Heralds, Redeemer Junior Choir, and guest choirs will perform.

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Opera New Jersey Slates Summer Season Preview

Opera New Jersey will kick off its 2008 summer season with a preview celebration on Saturday, June 14 at the Skillman home of Suzanne M. Kabis, M.D. The event will include wine provided by Crossing Vineyards and food by Jimmy Duffy's in addition to vocal selections from the upcoming season sung by the opera stars.

Featured on the program will be Ryan MacPherson, Alfredo in Verdi's *La Traviata*; Leah Wool and Matthew Lau, Cenerentola and Don Magnifico in Rossini's *La Cenerentola*; and Jennifer Aylmer and Brian Jagde, who will perform the roles of Hanna Glawari and Count Danilo Danilovitch in Lehár's *The Merry Widow*.

"By June 14, our summer season artists have all arrived in town, rehearsals have begun, and there is tremendous excitement building for our opera performances at McCarter in July," said Lisa Altman, Opera New Jersey's executive director.

"It's a really festive and exciting evening because those in attendance will be the first to glimpse the talent that we have in store for the season," added Scott Altman, the company's general artistic director.

Tickets are $125 and include wine, hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and the concert. To order, contact Carrie Houtz at (609) 799-7700 or at CHoutz@Opera-NJ.org. Proceeds from the event will benefit Opera New Jersey's summer season; a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

For more information on Opera New Jersey's summer season, visit www.Opera-NJ.org. Tickets for the July operas are available through McCarter Theatre at (609) 258-2787 or online at www.mccarter.org.

Peabody Trio to Open Summer Concert Series

The 40th season of Princeton University Summer Concerts will open with the Peabody Trio on Tuesday, June 17 in Richardson Auditorium. The program will include the trio's rescoring of Janáček's "Kreutzer Sonata" and Schubert's Trio in B-flat Major.

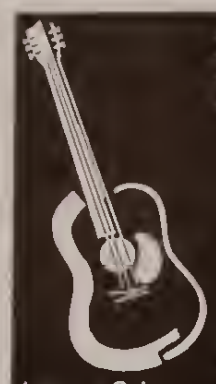
The Peabody Trio has served as the resident faculty ensemble of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore since 1989. It won the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award the same year. The group made its New York debut in 1990 at Alice Tully Hall and has performed in major halls and summer music festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada. It has also toured in England, Japan, and Israel.

Working with Walter van Dyck and Elizaheth Mansfield, the Peabody Trio is at the forefront of chamber music theater with a series of innovative and collaborative pro)ects involving music and actors.

Recognized as champions of new music, the trio was invited to the first Biennale for contemporary music, Tempus Fugit, in Tel Aviv. For its 20th anniversary, the group has released a recording of Beethoven's Trios Opus 1, Nos. 1 and 3, the second in a series of the complete piano trios of Beethoven on Artek Records.

Other Princeton University Summer Concerts this season will be by the Escher Quartet on Thursday, June 26; the Parker Quartet on Thursday, July 10; the Aulos Ensemble on Tuesday, July 15; and the Vienna Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, July 24.

All concerts will take place at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium, and all are free. Tickets will be available at 6:30 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 631-7884.



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The event will support McCarter's educational and artistic programs.

Mr. Wong is the only actor ever to have received all five major New York Theater awards for a single role. For his performance in *M. Butterfly*, his Broadway debut, he received the Drama Desk Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award, the Theater World Award, the Clarence Derwent Award, and the Tony Award. He gained notice as a cast regular on HBO's acclaimed series *Oz*, playing the prison priest Father Ray for the show's five-season run. He currently plays Dr. George Huang, a forensic psychiatrist, on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*.

McCarter Theatre recently announced that BD Wong will open McCarter's 2008-09 season in the one-man musical, *Herringbone*, September 5 through October 12.

In celebration of Mr. Bacharach's Academy Award winning song, "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," McCarter invited 15 artists to decorate a plain white golf umbrella. Each umbrella is a tribute to actors, performers, or productions in McCarter's history. The umbrellas will be previewed during dinner, then auctioned at the after-party festivities. To purchase Gala Benefit tickets, call (609) 258-6546 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Tickets for the Bacharach concert only are $100 and may be ordered online at www.mccarter.org or by calling the McCarter Ticket Office at (609) 258-2787.

New Plays by Children Next at Passage Theatre

Seven new plays written by children but professionally directed and acted by adults will be presented by Trenton's Passage Theatre Company when "the kids take over" on June 13 and 14 at the Mill Hill Playhouse.

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As part of the State Street Project's Playmaking program, eight writing instructors met with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from the Hedgepeth-Williams 21st Century After School Program earlier this year. Over a two-day period at Princeton University, the students wrote their own plays, which will be staged in Playmaking 2008: The Kids Are in Control. The initiative is a replication of the popular program created by the 52nd Street Project in New York.

The Playmaking mentors are Glen Calhoun, Angela Duross, Elizabeth Edwards, Hope Gatto, Cythia Grier, Kya Grier, Horace Jackson, Deena Jiles, Dara Lewis, and Mr. White. Directing the plays will be Nick Anselmo, June Ballinger, Damon Bonetti, Josh Browns, Ms. Gatto, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. White. The young playwrights are Hector Catu, Simeon Donzon, Marcel Highsmith, Alexseyia McBride, Quadir Melvin, Stephanie Thomas, and Kenneth Yeah.

An educational outreach effort of Passage Theatre, the State Street Project is designed to raise young people's aspirations through positive experiences in the arts.

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Sex and the City

HBO Series Brought to Screen for Loyal Fan Base

Since I was never swept up into the hysteria surrounding *Sex and the City* during its six-season run on HBO, this big screen adaptation has served as my introduction to the adult-oriented sitcom. As someone only casually familiar with the series, I anticipated a sophisticated romantic comedy revolving around four best friends who candidly confide in each other about the state of their love relationships.

What I found instead was a bloated blabfest featuring shallow, middle-aged women discussing men, money, baubles, and designer clothes in a flip and superficial manner. When not celebrating conspicuous consumption and the acquisition of status symbols, the film resorts to the sort of comic relief one would ordinarily associate with a typical raunchy comedy aimed at teenagers: fart sound effects, poop and pubic hair jokes, a running-gag about a pet in heat, etc., etc.

Although this highly publicized film version failed to measure up to my expectations, that doesn't necessarily mean that the devoted fans of the TV series will be disappointed. The picture is essentially an extended episode in which the original cast members are reunited and placed in plausible predicaments based on their personalities and the time that has elapsed since the end of the series.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL: Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) stands at the entrance to her walk-in closet to admire herself in her latest designer outfit.

Once we get past the opening credits, the story, which takes place in New York City, proceeds to embroil each of the leading women in a personal emotional drama. Narrator Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) and John James Preston, aka Mr. Big (Chris Noth), finally agree to marry after having dated off and on for ten years. Carrie then calls Samantha (Kim Catrall) to guess what her "big decision," is and Samantha replies, "You finally got Botox."

We learn that Samantha, the most promiscuous of the four, has moved to Los Angeles with her boy-toy, Smith (Jason Lewis), a waiter with Hollywood actor aspirations. Her crisis develops when she finds herself attracted to Dante (Gilles Marini), a tall, dark, and handsome man who conveniently lives next door to her.

Meanwhile, back in the Big Apple, Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), an attorney with a five-year-old son (Joseph Pupo), has been too busy to notice that she and her husband, Steve (David Eigenberg), haven't slept together in six months. When he admits to infidelity, she is forced to decide whether she wants to forgive him or break up their marriage.

The last of the interlocking plotlines involves the disruption of Charlotte's (Kristin Davis) comfortable family life by an unplanned pregnancy. Her family was thought complete when, after a miscarriage, she and her husband Harry (Evan Handler) had adopted an orphan from China.

It feels like forever by the time this 142 minute soap opera ties all these assorted loose ends together, especially because the dialogue is laced with annoying lines like, "It was the best money I ever spent" from Carrie describing her purchase of a Louis Vuitton accessory. On another occasion, Miranda complains that she can't get a 917 area code for her new cell phone after she threw the last one in the ocean in a fit of rage.

Unfortunately, the supporting cast isn't any more endearing, starting with Jennifer Hudson, who plays Carrie's new assistant, Louise. Unfortunately, Hudson isn't given much to do other than look frumpy while gushing over her boss's great taste and generosity. Meanwhile, Mario Cantone camps it up as Anthony, a wedding planner who seizes any opportunity to steal a scene.

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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG for violence and epic battle scenes). Based on the second of the C.S. Lewis series of children's fantasy novels, this sequel sends the four Pevensie siblings (William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, and Georgie Henley) on another time-traveling adventure to a magical land – on this occasion to help overthrow an evil king (Sergio Castellitto) so that the exiled, rightful heir (Ben Barnes) might ascend to the throne. Cast includes Liam Neeson, Tilda Swinton, and Eddie Izzard.

The Counterfeiters (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, and violence). True World War II tale of survival set in a Nazi concentration camp about a master counterfeiter (Karl Markovics) forced to ply his trade in order to flood the market with the currency of the countries fighting Hitler and thereby devalue their money. In German with subtitles.

Indiana Janes and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13 for violence and scary images). Harrison Ford returns for a fourth adventure as the famed archeologist, set in 1957 in the jungles of Peru, in a desperate race against Russian spies to find an ancient artifact said to hold the key to a host of magical powers. Spielberg directed cast includes Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Ray Winstone, Jim Broadbent, John Hurt, and Karen Allen.

Iran Man (PG-13 for intense violence and brief suggestive content). Screen adaptation of the Marvel Comics series features Robert Downey Jr. in the title role as a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor turned crime-fighting superhero intent on saving the planet from evil villains bent on world domination. Cast includes Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, Samuel L. Jackson, and Hilary Swank, with a cameo by the character's creator, Stan Lee.

Kung Fu Panda (PG for martial arts action). Animated comedy about a clumsy panda bear (Jack Black) working as a waiter in his family's noodle restaurant who is called upon to fulfill an ancient Chinese prophecy by defending his idyllic, peaceful homeland from a menacing snow leopard (Ian McShane) threatening the kingdom. Voice cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Lucy Liu, Jackie Chan, Angelina Jolie, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Seth Rogen.

Made of Honor (PG-13 for profanity and sexuality). Romantic comedy about the predicament of a womanizing bachelor (Patrick Dempsey) who decides to propose to his platonic best friend and confidante (Michelle Monaghan) only to have her return from a European business trip already engaged to a rich Scotsman (Kevin McKidd). With Kelly Clarkson, Sydney Pollack, and Kadeem Hardison.

The Promotion (R for profanity, sexual references, and drug use). Workplace comedy pits a couple of Chicago grocery store assistant managers (Sean William Scott and John C. Reilly) against each other as they vie for a managerial position at the chain's new location. Cast includes Saturday Night Live's Fred Armisen, Masi Oka, and Spo.

Sex and the City (R for profanity, sexuality, and graphic nudity). Screen adaptation of the popular HBO series picks up four years after the show ended, with all the leading ladies (Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, and Kristin Davis) as well as four objects of their affections (David Eigenberg, Evan Handler, Chris Noth, and Jason Lewis) reprising their original roles in a candid romp updating their relationships. Cast includes Candace Bergen, Jennifer Hudson, and comedian Marlo Cantone.

Speed Racer (PG for action, violence, and epithets). The Wachowski Brothers (*The Matrix*) wrote and directed this live-action adaptation of the animated Japanese TV series from the sixties. Big-screen version features the car racing phenom (Emile Hirsch) teaming with an ex-rival (Matthew Fox) to take on the ruthless, corporate-sponsored favorite in a big cross-country rally called the Crucible. With Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, and Richard Roundtree.

The Strangers (R for violence, terror, and profanity). Hair-raising horror flick about a young couple (Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman) whose vacation retreat to a remote country cottage turns into a bloody battle for survival after a home invasion by three sadistic masked strangers. With Gemma Ward, Kip Weeks, and Laura Margolis.

Then She Found Me (R for profanity and sexuality). Helen Hunt makes her script-writing and directorial debut and stars in this dramatic comedy about a New York City schoolteacher who, saddened by the death of her adoptive mother (Lynn Cohen) and abandoned by her husband (Matthew Broderick), gets a new lease on life when she's courted by the father (Colin Firth) of one of her students and also tracked down by the birth mother (Bette Midler) she never knew. Featuring a cameo by Salman Rushdie.

The Visitor (PG-13 for brief profanity). Sophomore offering from actor-turned-director Thomas McCarthy (*The Station Agent*), a quirky ensemble drama revolving around a jaded professor (Richard Jenkins) at a college in Connecticut who heads to New York to attend a conference only to find a young couple from Senegal (Danai Jekesai Gurira) and Syria (Haaz Sleiman) living in his pied-a-terre.

What Happens in Vegas (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, crude humor, and a drug reference). Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz co-star in this romantic comedy about a couple of losers who meet and marry after a night of debauchery in Las Vegas. Their decision to divorce immediately is complicated when greed sets in after he wins a multi-million dollar jackpot with one of her coins.

You Don't Mess with the Zohan (PG-13 for nudity, profanity, sexuality, and crude humor). Action comedy starring Adam Sandler in the title role as an Israeli secret agent who fakes his own death to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a beautician in New York City. Cast includes John Turturro, Rob Schneider, Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Talia Shire, George Takei, Mariah Carey, Dave Matthews, Lainie Kazan, Charlotte Rae, and Shelley Berman.

Young@Heart (PG for mild epithets and mature themes). Musical documentary chronicles the concerts of a traveling chorus of senior citizens from New England as they entertain audiences all over the world with an eclectic repertoire of songs which ranges from Coldplay to James Brown.

—Kam Williams

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Sarah Hirschman, Founder of People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, Wins "Bud" Vivian Award

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."

—René Descartes

This advice by the French philosopher has surely been at the forefront of Sarah Hirschman's life and work. This year's winner of the Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service, Mrs. Hirschman is highly educated, with an undergraduate degree in philosophy and master's degree in French literature. Her schooling in Paris was complemented by reading Russian classic literature under the guidance of a Russian tutor, and she later studied existential philosophy with Simone de Beauvoir. She has put this comprehensive education and knowledge to use for others, especially those without formal education. By founding People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, Mrs. Hirschman has enabled participants to share the richness of great literature and by doing so, gain insight into their own lives.

Born in Kovno, Lithuania in 1921, Sarah was the daughter of Russian Jewish parents, Nicholas and Fania Chapiro. Mr. Chapiro was a businessman, and when Sarah (known as "Sarotchka" to family and friends) was 4, the family moved to Paris. Strong Russian influences remained very important in her life, remembers Mrs. Hirschman. "I had a Russian tutor, Konstantin Vasilevitch Motchulsky, who was a famous literary critic, and he said to me, 'We'll just read together.' I started reading Russian literature very early, and this had a big impact on me."

Lycée Molière

At 6, Sarah came down with scarlet fever, which was a very serious illness. "I was so sick, I needed a nurse, and a Russian woman, Ekaterina Liubimovna Lixacheva, came to live with us. This woman was very cultured, and she had trained as a nurse. She stayed with us, and really brought me up. She had a great influence on me." At the same time, Sarah enjoyed school at the Lycée Molière in Paris, and was a good student. School was basically for learning and study; there were not a lot of extracurricular activities, as is the case in U.S. schools. Sarah did participate in gymnastics, and on vacations, she and the family took trips in France, especially to the beach, where she enjoyed swimming.

"One of my favorite memories is of lying on the grass and looking up at the mirabelles (little yellow plums) on the trees," recalls Mrs. Hirschman. "When I was a child, I was only allowed to see animal and nature movies, but as I got older, I enjoyed the cultural life of Paris. I went on expeditions to museums and theater, and later, after I was 17 or 18, I went to Avant Garde French theater."

Also when she was 18, she had the opportunity to study Existentialism for a year with Simone de Beauvoir, which prompted a great interest in philosophy.

Good Eor

In 1939, just before the outbreak of World War II, Sarah's life changed drastically, when the family moved to the U.S. "I wasn't really aware of all that was going on, but my father felt that terrible things were happening in Europe, and he wanted to leave France. We left for New York in the fall of 1939. I didn't know English, and I was very depressed to leave France. I wanted to stay. I felt I was French, and I wanted to defend France."

Nevertheless, once in New York, Sarah put her mind to learning English, first by auditing classes in Plato at Columbia University. She had a good ear for language, and began to pick up English readily. Then, with the help of a friend of her parents, she went to Cornell for one semester. Sarah didn't care for the rules and regulations at Cornell, however, and was glad when her parents moved to California, and she transferred to Berkeley, where she entered as a junior. "I majored in philosophy, but I didn't like the department's emphasis on logical positivism; I got my bachelor's degree in philosophy, but then switched to French literature for my master's."

LITERARY JOURNEY: "To be successful, you must have a passion. I think one reason the program has succeeded is because literature is such a fantastic thing; so rich and entertaining. It catches your emotions, makes you think, takes you on a journey. In this case, the journey is together with other people." Sarah Hirschman, founder of People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, is shown next to a bookcase in her home.

While an undergraduate, Sarah lived in the International House with other foreign students. There, she met Albert O. Hirschman, a young German scholar in economics, who had previously lived in France for a number of years.

Sarah and Albert were married in 1941, and two years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). Sarah received a Fellowship to Columbia, and then her studies were postponed by the birth of their first child, Katia, in 1944. Another daughter, Lisa, was born in 1946.

Morshall Plan

After the war, the Hirschmans moved to Washington, D.C., where Albert was working with the Marshall Plan. "It was very difficult to get housing after the war," remembers Mrs. Hirschman. "A woman actually gave up her house to us, and she lived in a trailer in the back yard."

In 1952, Mr. Hirschman was approached by the World Bank to oversee economic development in Colombia, and the family moved to Bogotá, a move that was to have an important effect on Mrs. Hirschman's life and work.

"I loved Colombia. I learned Spanish, and became interested in young writers there. It was a great inspiration to me in my work. I was interested to see that people had different ways of doing things. I became aware of the ingenious ways people solved problems, and I went on expeditions, and met so many young writers and painters. There were also colonies of Russian, French, and German people, and the country was incredibly beautiful."

The Hirschmans returned to the U.S. in 1956 when Dr. Hirschman (he had earlier earned a Ph.D.) received an invitation from Yale to write a book about economic development. Mrs. Hirschman took anthropology courses there, and continued to emphasize her strong interest in studying people and their problem-solving practices.

Another university beckoned in 1958. Professor Hirschman was asked to teach economic development at Columbia. Mrs. Hirschman had a series of part-time jobs, including with Heilbroner's Latin American magazine.

"Albert was planning a book during this time and had to travel a lot," says Mrs. Hirschman. "I decided I could work as his assistant, and I learned the way he thought about problems; how solutions evolved and developed. It's not just logic."

So Different

The Hirschmans traveled to El Salvador, Peru, Uruguay, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and later to the Dominican Republic. She remembers "studying dams in Calcutta and bicycle cooperatives in the Dominican Republic. Each place was so different."

In 1966, she had an adventure of another kind, this time in New York. Her ability to speak Spanish was an important factor in how her career progressed. "I worked with sociologist Clara Barksdale on the Lower East Side. We worked with Latinos, and I learned a great deal. The people would come in with their problems — not just 'we have rats in the apartment,' but about difficulties with their families. This was very important to me. How do you get people to talk about themselves and get them to think more critically about their problems?"

Later that year, when Dr. Hirschman was asked to teach economics at Harvard, they moved to Cambridge, and Mrs. Hirschman worked at a skill training center, again helping Hispanic people. She was also employed at Boston University, and was in charge of placing professional Latin American women in temporary training jobs while they were studying in the U.S.

A few years later, she was strongly influenced by a seminar with Brazilian philosopher and educator Paulo Freire. "It was about how he had taught literacy to poor people in northeastern Brazil and how to relate literacy to the lives of the people; the importance of life experiences in learning," she explains.

Short Stories

"This really impressed me, and I thought maybe I could do it with short stories and how people could talk through those about their own life experiences. In 1972, I decided just like that to go to public housing in Cambridge and see if there was interest in this. I talked with Puerto Rican women,

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FITNESS FORUM

My journey with Joyce Hofmann and the Princeton Weight Loss Program began 25 years ago. My life had unraveled and spun out of control. The only part I could control was what I put in my mouth, and I sedated myself with food.

Following college and a short banking career in New York, I married and had five children in three years, including triplets! My husband and I settled in a lovely home in Dutch Neck, NJ and I expected life to be like Ozzie and Harriet.

Unfortunately, that idyllic life did not happen. As my marriage spun out of control, I found comfort in food. When I met Joyce I was desperate and I knew that I needed help to control my food addiction. I needed nutritional guidance, but most importantly, I needed emotional support.

I joined the Princeton Weight Loss Program, and keys to success were presented to me with gentle firmness, support, and constant reinforcement. I met with Joyce twice a week to learn about what my body needed nutritionally to become strong. I began to exercise regularly, in between working and the many children's activities I attended as a single parent.

I found a safe place to talk about my emotional relationship with food, how to adapt and balance, and incorporate nutrition to construct a life in a healthy way. Every day I began with a plan, tracing my success and failures. Joyce's patience and continuous support helped me to gradually build my self esteem, which in turn replaced my constant need for food.

I lost 35 pounds and began to enjoy exercise, especially walking every day. My children grew and flourished. They went to college, began their life journeys and I now have six wonderful grandchildren and a loving extended family.

Four years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My oncologist and surgeons in Princeton restored my health in just over a year. Joyce gave me the nutritional tools and emotional support to work with my doctors so I could sustain my body and my spirit. The topic was no longer weight loss, it was keeping my spirits and motivation up during a very trying time.

Today I am healthy and looking forward to the next act in my life. I will retire from the Princeton Theological Seminary after 27 wonderful years. I look forward to continue working in the community, supporting my favorite organizations, including the Princeton Corridor Rotary, the American Cancer Society, and the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation.

Joyce Hofmann and the Princeton Weight Loss Program have been my constant companions and moral support for the past 25 years. Her motivational and nutritional support helped me conquer a food addiction and lose 35 pounds, which I have kept off for years. She also used her incredible counseling skills to help me through a devastating diagnosis and treatment for cancer. She has helped me sustain the balance needed to stay healthy and gave me the tools to move forward to a positive and exciting future!

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and they were receptive." Thus emerged People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos (then known only as Gente y Cuentos), a new way of learning and sharing great literature. The participants often had little or no formal education, and some were illiterate. But the beginnings of an intriguing idea had taken root.

"I read stories aloud in Spanish, and the people would enter the stories through experiences in their own lives," explains Mrs. Hirschman. "So the perspective of the story and their own individual perspectives connected."

Making a connection. That is the key.

"This is done in a group," continues Mrs. Hirschman. "The participants' view of the story depends on their own experiences. When they see that they can talk about it, that they can hear themselves, they become validated. They defend their point of view and become curious about others. It also gives people enormous pleasure. "I always say 'What's democracy?' A chance for people who don't usually have a voice to participate."

Specific Question

The sessions, which usually take place once a week for six to eight weeks for an hour and a half to two hours, with a new story each week, are very non-judgmental, she adds. "The climate is very welcoming. The story does not demand a conclusion; it asks questions, makes you wonder, spikes your imagination. The people are not inhibited." As the coordinator or facilitator, Mrs. Hirschman would follow the reading with a question. "Most often, I like to have silence after the reading aloud, to let the story resonate. Then, I usually like to ask a specific question on some salient line or moment of the story to start the conversation. I never ask questions that are too general like: 'Well, how did you like the story?' That kind of question would certainly result in vague, uninteresting comments.

"If a question goes to some surprising or particularly suggestive moment, the conversation becomes honest, imaginative. People are forced to think for themselves." The program began to grow, and the first group was followed by another, then another. Mrs. Hirschman worked hard to compile an interesting bibliography, and included the works of such authors as Gabriel Garcia Márquez, Julio Cortázos, Jorge Luis Borges, and Juan Rulfo for the Spanish curriculum.

In 1974, the Hirschmans headed south to Princeton, when Dr. Hirschman became a member of the faculty in the School of Social Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study. Mrs. Hirschman was determined to continue Gente y Cuentos in a new locale, and contacted a priest at Mt. Carmel Church in Trenton.

"I suggested the idea, and he was interested. Then, I went out and continued to sell the idea all over New Jersey, including Newark. We had programs in community centers in the Trenton area, Newark, and other locations in the state."

NEH Grant

As the program grew, more people began to take part in a variety of locations, including learning centers, residential treatment centers, libraries, and prisons. In 1981-82, a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant enabled the project to expand to other states and locations, including Florida, Texas, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Puerto Rico. Mrs. Hirschman held workshops to train others in the program's concept and methods. Also in 1982, Mrs. Hirschman was invited to set up a program in a barrio outside Buenos Aires, and the following year, she taught a course in the program's method at the University of Buenos Aires.

Up to now, she had been operating the programs primarily on her own, and by 1985, she realized she needed help. "Also, in 1985-86, we added an English program, and I wanted to do an inter-generational (senior citizens and high school students) and an inter-town (Princeton and Trenton) project. This was a pre-cursor of Crossing Borders," she explains. "I held a big workshop, and Pat Andres participated. She became a coordinator, and later in 2000, executive director. I owe a great deal to Pat, who continued to help develop the program."

The English program, People & Stories, began in 1986 in New Jersey under the sponsorship of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, whose support has been continuous. The project became a non-profit corporation in 1993. Mrs. Hirschman has the respect, admiration, and affection of colleagues and those who have participated in the programs. She has been honored with awards from various organizations, including the Public Humanities Award from the New Jersey Council of the Humanities in 1994. "Your commitment ... has opened the riches of literature to many .... Through People & Stories, you have reached out to include those often excluded, and have encouraged those often mistakenly thought not capable of participating to partake of the resources that the humanities offer ...," reads the statement.

Spanish Speakers

Lawrence R. McCarty, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages at Community College of Philadelphia, is a coordinator of People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos at community centers in the Philadelphia area. He comments on Mrs. Hirschman's fluency in various languages and its impact on the program.

"Sarah is multilingual and fluent in Spanish. It is through her efforts that Gente y Cuentos has reached so many Spanish speakers and new arrivals in the U.S.A. She, together with the bilingual team, identify the great short stories to be included in the Spanish bibliography.

"I have known Sarah since 2000, and she has proven to be a wise adviser and loyal colleague to all her fellow coordinators. It is through her guidance that we coordinators have learned that we are also participants, as together we explore the universal themes and poetic imagery found in great short stories. It is important to recognize Sarah Hirschman's initiative and earnest dedication to this program." Support for the program has continued to expand. An NEH grant in 2004-05 enabled People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos to reach 14 additional states. In the US, 1,000 people now participate in the program every year in 35 locations and under the guidance of 22 coordinators.

For all her efforts in establishing, developing, and continuing this unique program, Mrs. Hirschman was recently honored with the 12th annual Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service. The award was presented by the Princeton Area Community Foundation at a reception at the Princeton Public Library on Mat 22. Mrs. Hirschman's nominators described her as a "citizen of the world ... who developed a way to invite those with basic literacy skills to enjoy and benefit from the same artistic works usually studied in college classrooms. She has included thousands of people in a world where the doors were previously closed. She has found ways to bring people together in discussions driven by complex stories that don't offer easy answers, but encourage people to explore values and talk about difficult questions."

New Readers

The sentiments of the award nominators are echoed by Mrs. Hirschman's colleagues. "Sarah is dear to my heart. I value my 21-year relationship with her as a friend and as a mentor," says Patricia Andres, People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos executive director. "I have been privileged to witness the joy her creation has given many, many people, especially new readers of literature. Sarah's inspiration, that literature holds beauty and power for all, has translated into an organization that both returns literature to the people and uses it as a venue to create deeper understanding among those of different educational and cultural backgrounds." Adds Marcy Schwartz, Professor of Latin-American literature at Rutgers, and a coordinator in the program, who currently works with a group of inmates at Yardville Prison: "Sarah is completely inspiring. She is a real mentor in so many ways. She is a person of astounding depth and knowledge.

"She has huge amounts of energy and determination, and has been unwavering in her dedication to this program she has created in which people's voices are heard, their opinions count. In this program, everyone is listened to, and everyone's life experience is valued. It's not about having a right answer; it's about exploring."

Mrs. Hirschman is delighted to see the program continue to expand. "I am very excited about the two projects in Colombia and France. My daughter Katia is director of People & Stories in France, and there are already 30 programs each year. Colombia is also especially receptive to the project since there is so much interest in books and libraries there. They have a program of their own in which a little book is distributed at every bus station for people to take and share with family and friends. Then, they can return it to another bus stop."

A world traveler, Mrs. Hirschman has found Princeton a congenial place to call home for the past 34 years. "I've met a lot of interesting people in Princeton," she reports. "I like walking in the woods, I like to take the train to New York, and there are interesting events at the Institute. I also have lots of friends at Princeton University." A long-time friend of more than 30 years is Hildred Geertz, Professor Emeritus of Cultural Anthropology and one of the first female professors at Princeton University. Professor Geertz emphasizes the importance of People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos to Mrs. Hirschman.

Rich Treasure

"I want to say that the People & Stories project has always been central to Sarah's whole being. She is a deeply literary person and profoundly European. For her, language is a rich treasure, whatever the language. With People & Stories, she not only read the stories, she taught the people how to hear them. She wanted to give them back their literature, their verbal arts.. She succeeded in reaching and conveying the excitement of their own literature and art. It has been an amazing way of life, and it is ongoing."

Indeed. Although no longer a hands-on coordinator, Mrs. Hirschman continues to be very active in compiling the bibliography for the program, which in English has included the works of James Joyce, Eudora Welty, Jamaica Kincaid, and Langston Hughes, among others. She is especially involved with the Spanish bibliograpy and works closely with the coordinators in Gente y Cuentos.

Her own reading continues undiminished; the fact that she is able to read and converse in four languages offers her many more opportunities than most of us have. "I read a lot in French and Russian," she reports. "I'm continually re-reading the Russian classics, especially Dostoevsky, and I read Chekhov every night. I also just re-read all of Montaigne in French. The only nice thing about old age is that you can read from scratch all over again, and it will seem like new, as one's memory fades."

Mrs. Hirschman shows no sign of that particular problem; her vitality and energy belie her years. She is a regular visitor to Princeton University's Firestone Library. "What I really like best in Princeton is Firestone Library. I can find books there in all my languages. When my husband retired from the Institute some years ago, we thought about moving to Paris. Our daughter lives there, and we have grandchildren and great-grandchildren there. But I just couldn't leave Firestone. I am fortunate to have a card there."

Amazing Grawth

Mrs. Hirschman is very close to her daughter Katia, who traveled from France to attend the "Bud" Vivian Award reception. She was also very close to her daughter Lisa, who died nine years ago.

As she reflects on People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos and the honor of receiving the "Bud" Vivian Award, Mrs. Hirschman is astonished at the amazing growth of her program. "My initial desire was very, very modest. I just wanted to share my love of reading and enjoyment of literature with people who had not had the opportunity to read. Also, it was finding a way of communicating with people whom I never had had a chance to know.

"From that came all kinds of unexpected consequences; from the conversations came emotions and pleasures. And, I not only had the pleasure of communicating with people, but the conversations became critical discussions, a way of developing the mind in a less scholarly way. All kinds of subjects came up; there was give and take, and all kinds of people were able to voice their ideas and listen to others. It became more important than I had ever expected." If ever there was an example of one person making a positive difference in the lives of others, Mrs. Hirschman must surely be the model.

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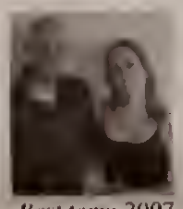
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PU Women's Lightweight Walk-On English Hoping to Ride Out With IRA National Title

After competing in lacrosse, volleyball, and swimming in high school, Caroline English arrived at Princeton University in 2004 knowing that she wasn't going to play any of those sports at the college level.

Having not been recruited by any Princeton coaches, English had the option of enjoying a little free time in the afternoons. But the prospect of being idle scared English.

"I was used to having that 4 o'clock slot taken up," said English, a native of Atlanta who attended the Lovett School. "I was nervous about not having anything to do at that time."

Seeing that the Princeton crew program was recruiting walk-on candidates during freshman registration, English decided to take the plunge and went out for the PU women's lightweight crew.

Once she hit the water at Lake Carnegie, English was more concerned about staying out of the way of the program's more accomplished rowers.

"You have some of the top recruits in the nation," said English. "I didn't want to slow them down at the same time we were learning the sport."

English proved to be a quick learner, making the program's top boat by the fall of her sophomore year. As a junior, the neophyte turned into a hardened competitor who helped Princeton finish second in both the Eastern Sprints and the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) national championship regatta.

This spring, English has served as the lightweight captain, leading Princeton to an undefeated regular season and a second place finish to Wisconsin at the Eastern Sprints.

Having graduated this Tuesday, English will look to cap her Princeton career this weekend at the IRA on Cooper River in Camden by turning the tables on Wisconsin as the second-ranked Tigers pursue the national title.

English knows that she wouldn't be in position to contend for a national title without the encouragement she got from last year's seniors.

"We had a great group of seniors last year, they had helped mold me," asserted English. "They were my role models and they were great rowers."

It didn't take long for English to realize that Princeton had some great rowers in this year's top boat.

"Right off the bat we were surprised with the speed that we had in the fall," said English, who has rowed in the boat's No. 6 seat this spring.

"In the spring, we started taking off. We were encouraged a lot by our practices. We were breaking records for the 1,500 meters and two miles. We realized this group of athletes is faster than the boat last year."

Princeton head coach Paul Rassam realized right off the bat four years ago that English had what it took to be a special rower.

"Caroline was a really natural talent," said Rassam. "I think it was the combination of sports she had played before; she was a volleyball player and a swimmer. She had hand-eye coordination and endurance; she took to the sport right away. She had the intangibles. She has boat feel, a sense of flow, and the ability to make a boat feel good about itself."

English has also brought special leadership qualities to the top boat. "She is a great listener," added Rassam.

"She knows how to separate whether someone is tired or frustrated or whether they have a legitimate gripe. Her teammates are confident that she will listen to them and give them good advice."

Handling her captain's duties has come naturally to English. "It's been awesome; it's not really a hard job," maintained English.

"We have a very dedicated team; the biggest thing is to keep in touch with everyone. People move in and out of different boats; you have to be a liaison between the rowers and the coaches and make sure to not take things too personally. We have five other seniors; they are leaders too."

English and her classmates are doing everything they can to lead the way as Princeton prepares for its IRA title shot.

"We are racing as much as possible within the team and also against the men," said English.

"Wisconsin beat us in the last five strokes so we are looking to have a complete 2k and lay everything on the line. It is definitely bittersweet; four years of dedication to rowing comes down to this. We are excited to see what we can do."

Rassam, for his part, is excited to have a rower and leader like English in his top boat.

"Caroline has been to a couple of IRAs; she has the experience and knows what it takes," said Rassam.

"At the IRA, it's about being game on race day and not being afraid to take it out hard. You can be too tactical and conservative and then find yourself behind."

ENGLISH CLASS: Princeton University women's lightweight senior star and captain Caroline English pulls her way through a recent training session on Lake Carnegie. This weekend, English will be looking to end her Princeton career in style as the second-ranked Tigers pursue the national title at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) championship regatta on Cooper River in Camden. *(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)*

In Rassam's view, English and her classmates have helped change the game in their sport.

"Caroline and her fellow seniors have helped the sport of women's lightweight crew not just at PU but across the board," said Rassam.

"Their lasting legacy is the speed that is now required to win. In the last race, Wisconsin had it but these seniors have been pushing the envelope."

While English will be disappointed if her class doesn't add a national title to its legacy this weekend, she has no regrets about her decision to spend her college afternoons on Lake Carnegie.

"The boathouse is my home away from home at school," asserted English who will be working with Moses Ma Group Partners (MMGP), a New York City financial consulting firm and is shooting to run in the New York City marathon this fall.

"I have come to the realization that if we get second, you can't let that be overwhelming. You think about the friendships and how rowing has helped you in your life to balance activities. I can't imagine my Princeton experience without rowing. I'm blessed to be at a school where they encourage walk-ons. Every time you put on the uniform with the 'P' on your back, it is a great thing."

—Bill Alden

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PU Senior Sport Awards

Moore, Nightingale Share Roper Trophy

Men's ice hockey star Mike Moore and distance running standout David Nightingale were named last week as the recipients of the 2008 Roper Trophy, the highest male student-athlete award given at Princeton.

The award was originally given by Mrs. William Winston Roper and the Class of 1902 in honor of Princeton's famed football coach. It goes annually to "a Princeton senior male of high scholastic rank and outstanding qualities of sportsmanship and general proficiency in athletics." It has been awarded annually since 1936.

Moore, a mechanical and aerospace engineering major from Calgary, Alberta, was the leader on and off the ice of the 2008 Princeton men's hockey team, which won the ECAC and Ivy League championships and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second time ever. His hard work and dedication were rewarded prior to the season when his teammates selected him to be their captain, and he went on to become one of college hockey's top defensemen.

During his senior year, he received several awards. He was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy and first-team All-ECAC selection and was chosen the ECAC Defenseman of the Year in a vote of the league's coaches. He, along with teammate Lee Jubinville, were also named first-team All-Americas, becoming the third and fourth Princeton hockey players to ever receive the honor.

Moore received the Blackwell Trophy as the team's Most Valuable Player and Class of '41 Trophy for inspiration and leadership. Upon completion of the season, Moore signed as a free agent with San Jose Sharks and finished the season playing for their American Hockey League affiliate in Worcester, Mass.

In addition to his role as a player and student at Princeton, Moore also found time to be a youth hockey coach and a volunteer fireman.

Nightingale, a history major from West Hartford, Conn., is one of the top distance runners in the storied history of cross country and track and field at Princeton. During his career, he earned All-America honors in every season — cross country, indoors, and outdoors.

He qualified for three NCAA cross country championships individually, earning All-America honors in 2006 with a 39th-place finish. In 2007, he was an All-America in the indoor mile and the outdoor 5,000 meters after finishing eighth at the NCAA championships in those events.

On the conference level, he won four individual Ivy League Heptagonal championships on the track and earned first-team All-Ivy honors in cross country three times, finishing no lower than sixth at the Heptagonal cross country meet in each of the last three seasons.

A team captain in 2007-08, he also earned CoSIDA Academic All-District and Academic All-Ivy honors during his career. He is the school record holder in the 5,000 meters indoors and has the second-fastest time in program history outdoors in the 5,000.

MOORE HONORS: Princeton University men's hockey senior star Mike Moore fires a puck in action this winter. Moore garnered All-American, All-ECAC, and All-Ivy honors as he led the Tigers to the ECAC and Ivy League crowns. Last week, he earned another special accolade as he won the Roper Trophy, the highest male student-athlete award given at Princeton. Moore shared the prize with senior distance running star David Nightingale.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ Sports Pix.)

Cowher, Matheson Win von Kienbusch Award

Women's basketball star Meagan Cowher and women's soccer standout Diana Matheson were named last week as the co-winners of the 2008 C. Otto von Kienbusch Award, the highest female student-athlete award given at Princeton.

C. Otto von Kienbusch was a staunch opponent of the addition of women to Princeton University in the late 1960s. Once women were admitted to the University, several early women athletes made a trip to his home in upstate New York to try to win him over. They were so successful that he became an avid supporter of women's athletics at Princeton and endowed this award.

Cowher, who finished her career as Princeton's second-leading all-time scorer with 1,671 points, is the only three-time first-team All-Ivy League honoree in Princeton women's basketball history. Her point total ranks third all-time in basketball at Princeton, behind only Bill Bradley '65 and Sandi Bittler '90.

The 6'1 Cowher, a religion major from Pittsburgh, Pa., began her time at Princeton with an Ivy League Rookie of the Year honor in 2005 and added the first-team All-Ivy accolades in each of her final three seasons.

After helping the Tigers to a share of the Ivy League title in 2006, Cowher set the single-season scoring record with 496 points her junior year. That record was helped by a 66-point Ivy League weekend, making Cowher and Bradley the only Princeton basketball players, male or female, to score as many points in an Ivy League weekend.

This past season, she broke the single-season record again, scoring 532 points to become the 11th woman in the history of the Ivy League to reach that total.

Cowher also was a three-year member of the Princeton Varsity Student Athletic Advisory Committee, serving as the president this past year.

Matheson, an economics major from Oakville, Ontario, helped Princeton become the first Ivy League team to reach the final four of a 64-team tournament in any sport when the Tigers were College Cup semifinalists in 2004.

Last fall, Matheson became the sixth player in Princeton women's soccer history to be named the Ivy League Player of the Year and fourth player to receive the honor this decade.

A first-team All-America selection, Matheson finished her career with 26 goals and a program-record 26 assists, becoming the only Princeton soccer player, male or female, to score at least 20 goals and have at least 20 assists in a career.

With the Ivy League Player of the Year honor last fall came Matheson's fourth first-team All-Ivy accolade. She is only the third Princeton women's soccer student-athlete in the program's history to be named to the league's first team four times.

Also an accomplished international player, Matheson helped the Canadian national team qualify for the 2008 Summer Olympics in China, the first time Canada has qualified a team in women's soccer.

Art Lane Award Shared by Three

Women's lacrosse star Katie Lewis-Lamonica, men's lightweight rower Ted Gudmundsen, and men's swimmer Michael Honigberg were named last week as the winners of the 2008 Art Lane '34 Award, given to honor selfless contribution to sport and society by an undergraduate athlete.

Lane won the Pyne Prize and captained the 1933 Princeton football team to the national championship as an undergraduate before going on to a career as a Naval officer, a federal judge and a corporate general counsel.

Lewis-Lamonica, a former Lawrenceville School lacrosse and track standout, has been active with Princeton Engineers Without Borders, a local chapter of a national humanitarian organization that implements sustainable engineering projects in developing countries. Lewis-Lamonica helped raise $30,000 annually as vice president of the organization, and in the summer of 2006 she spent three weeks in Peru helping install solar energy panels.

She also tutored in the English as a Second Language program, worked as a mentor in the Trenton Bridge Lacrosse Program, volunteered at the Anchor House shelter for abused and homeless youth, and helped out with maternal infant care at women's health centers in New York City.

Lewis-Lamonica, a Woodrow Wilson School major, also traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, where she worked with Mothers To Mothers, a mentoring program offering peer education and support to HIV-positive pregnant women and new mothers.

Gudmundsen, a physics major from Great Falls, Va., took the 2005-06 school year off to work with Africare in Zambia, where he spent six months working on business development for groups of unemployed youth and then six months in education. The focus of his educational effort was to teach critical thinking to 400 students through a curriculum that utilized traditional American board games as learning tools.

He also has been active in the Odyssey of the Mind competition, which presents students with a contemporary issue that is addressed and solved through the performance of a skit. Gudmundsen brought the program to the Lawrence school district and created a program that saw five teams advance to international competition in the first year.

Honigberg, a Woodrow Wilson School major from McLean, Va., also has spent time in Africa as an educator, teaching math and English in the impoverished township of Kensington, a slum area near Cape Town, South Africa. The summer before his trip to Africa, he worked at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., in the burn unit with children who were recovering from burn injuries.

Additionally, he has volunteered with the Special Olympics and taught disabled children to swim. He has also been involved in swimming lessons for local Princeton children and has been a volunteer violinist at Princeton-area nursing homes.

PU Hockey's Stankievech Wins Class of 1916 Cup

Princeton University men's hockey senior star Landis Stankievech was named last week as the 2008 recipient of the Class of 1916 Cup, awarded to the Princeton varsity letterwinner who, continuing in competition in his or her senior year, achieved at graduation the highest academic standing.

It was given by the Class of 1916 on the occasion of its 50th reunion.

Stankievech, a mechanical and aerospace engineering major from Trochu, Alberta, excelled at Princeton in the classroom and on the ice. He has received several extraordinary academic distinctions during his Princeton career, including a Rhodes Scholarship, the Pyne Prize, and college hockey's Lowe's Senior Class Award.

On the ice he was a key part of Princeton's 2008 ECAC and Ivy championship team and secured the ECAC title with the game-winning goal in the title game against Harvard.

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PU Sports Roundup

PU High Jumper Frick Wins NCAA Regional

Princeton University sophomore high jumper Justin Frick came up big last Friday at the NCAA East Regional Track & Field Championships at Florida State's Mike Long Track, clearing a career-best 7 feet, 2¼ inches on his first attempt to win the event and qualify for the upcoming NCAA championship meet.

Frick, who also equalled the meet record, came up clutch twice before clearing the winning mark on his first attempt. He missed his first two attempts at both 2.11 meters (6-11) and at 2.16 meters (7-1) before clearing both of those heights on his final attempt.

Frick, the 2007 IC4A champion outdoors, was also this year's Heptagonal indoor champion after clearing 7'¼.

Another Princeton standout at the meet was freshman Ashley Higginson, who took sixth in the women's 5,000 meters in a time of 16:32. The top five in that race automatically qualify for the national meet, although Higginson has a strong chance for an at-large berth. Teammate Jolee VanLeuven, who will likely run the 10,000 meters at the national meet, also had an impressive finish in the 5,000 on Friday, placing ninth in 16:35.88.

On the men's side, Princeton had a pair of seniors compete in the 5,000 meters. David Nightingale was 19th in 14:39.13, while Frank Tinney finished in 15:15.62.

In the throwing events, Alex Pessala and Thanithia Billings had top 10 performances. Pessala advanced to the hammer throw final after a throw of 194 feet, six inches on his second attempt, giving him a ninth-place finish in the 24-person field. Billings, a freshman, had the top throw in her shot put flight Saturday afternoon with a mark of 48 feet, 2½ inches. That mark ended the competition as the 10th-best distance in the 32-person field.

ROUGH WATER: Princeton University women's open crew coach Lori Dauphiny monitors a training session earlier this spring on Lake Carnegie. Last weekend, the Tigers ran into some rough waters in Sacramento, Calif. as they finished 12th at the NCAA championship regatta. The Princeton first varsity placed sixth in the petite final in a time of 6:45.01, 9.74 seconds behind the winning time posted by Harvard (6:35.30). Yale won the grand fioal in 6:34.05, 0.90 seconds faster than Stanford.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

3 PU Men's Lax Stars Chosen in MLL Draft

Princeton University men's lacrosse senior stars Dan Cocoziello, Alex Hewit, and Pete Striebel were chosen last week in the 2008 Major League Lacrosse draft:

Cocoziello, a first-team All-American defenseman this spring, was selected with the third pick of the second round, the 13th overall, by the Denver Outlaws. Cocoziello, who started every game in his four years at Princeton, will be joining forces with Outlaws assistant coach Trevor Tierney, the son of Princeton head coach Bill Tierney.

Star goalie Hewit, an honorable mention All-American this spring, was taken by the New Jersey Pride with the 30th pick. Hewit finished his career with a 7.00002 goals-against average, the third-best in Division I history.

Striebel was selected by the Outlaws as well, with the 47th pick out of 50 in the draft. The midfielder, who had three goals and six assists for his career for the first three years, notched 16 points this spring on four goals and 12 assists. He is the younger brother of the Philadelphia Barrage's Matt Striebel, a former Princeton standout who has emerged as one of the best middies in the MLL.

Women's Lax Star McGarvie Is 1st-Team All-American

Princeton University women's lacrosse junior star Holly McGarvie was rewarded for a stellar all-around season last week when she was named a first-team All-America by the IWLCA and USLacrosse.

Teammates Marie McKenna and Christine Casaceli earned second-team and third-team honors respectively.

McGarvie was one of 18 nominees for the Tewaaraton Trophy honoring the national player of the year and was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy pick in 2008. The Medford, N.J., native led Princeton and ranked among the Ivy League leaders in ground balls (47), draw controls (47), and caused turnovers (26) while also finishing second on the team with 35 goals.

She is the 22nd Princeton player to earn first-team All-America honors in women's lacrosse and the first to do so as a junior since Lindsey Biles and Elizabeth Pilion in 2004.

Second-team selection McKenna, a junior, started every game for Princeton in 2008 and helped the Tigers finish in the top 10 nationally in goals allowed per game. Also a unanimous first-team All-Ivy League selection, the Glenside, Pa., native was second on the team with 23 caused turnovers and ranked among the team leaders with 29 ground balls.

Third-team choice Casaceli, a junior from Longmeadow, Mass., led the Tigers with 38 goals in 2008 and tied for the team lead in scoring with 51 points. She also was a second-team All-Ivy League selection and finished among the team leaders in ground balls and caused turnovers.

PU Softball's Lettire Named All-American

Becoming the first Princeton University softball player since 1995 to receive such an honor, sophomore pitcher/first baseman Jamie Lettire has been selected to the third team All-America by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

Lettire, a native of Cupertino, Calif., adds the NFCA national honor to her Ivy League Co-Player of the Year award and the NFCA first-team All-Northeast Region recognition.

Lettire provided a dual threat for the Tigers on their way to a 17th Ivy League title and eighth NCAA tournament appearance. Tying a Princeton single-season record with 14 home runs, Lettire proved clutch during the team's postseason drive.

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Curtis Relished PG Year at Lawrenceville, Now Heading South to Tulane Track Team

NEW WAVE: Kelly Curtis, center, is all smiles along with her mother, Debbie, and father, John, as she formally committed last week to a track scholarship with Tulane University. Curtis, a former Princeton High basketball and track star, just finished a post-graduate year at the Lawrenceville School where she helped lead the Big Red to the state Prep A girls' track title. Curtis plans to compete in the heptathlon for the Green Wave. *(Photo courtesy of the Lawrenceville School)*

Kelly Curtis was the ultimate insider during her athletic career at Princeton High.

As the daughter of former PHS athletics director John Curtis and the younger sister of Little Tiger football and basketball star Jay Curtis, the youngest Curtis was a known quantity before she walked in the door in 2003 to begin high school.

The versatile Curtis did her family name proud during her PHS career, starring as high-scoring guard on the basketball team during the winters and sprinting, leaping, and throwing her way to success for the Little Tiger track team in the springs.

This past fall, though, Curtis found herself in the position of an outsider when she opted to do a post-graduate year at the Lawrenceville School at the urging of her parents.

"It was weird being the new person," said Curtis, who lived at home and was the only PG day student at the school.

"I was used to giving the tours, now I was taking the tours. The academics were set up in a totally different way."

Curtis' athletic talents helped her acclimate to her new surroundings. She joined the basketball team and made an immediate impact before suffering a season-ending ankle injury in mid-January. Working hard to rehab her injury, Curtis emerged as a dominant figure for the Big Red track team.

Excelling at the high jump, javelin, triple jump, long jump, and 100-meter hurdles, Curtis helped lead Lawrenceville to the Prep A title.

Earlier this month she culminated her Lawrenceville experience by signing a letter of intent to attend Tulane University where she plans to compete in track.

In reflecting on her superb track campaign, Curtis said she was chomping at the bit to get into action after her basketball injury.

"I couldn't wait for track to start; I was counting the days," recalled Curtis.

"I had a meeting with Coach [Bill] Schroeder last year after I decided to come to the school. He told me that we had a lot of seniors and that we would be a good team. He saw me as a big part of that; I was ready for that."

Curtis didn't waste any time contributing as she came up big in the season's first event, the Prep relays.

"I tied the high jump record at that meet," recalled Curtis. "That told me that my ankle was back."

That performance was a harbinger of things to come as Curtis quickly acclimated herself to prep competition.

"The competition was pretty much the same; everyone is still in high school and evolving," said Curtis.

"I was pleased at how well the girls on the team worked together; there was a real camaraderie."

Curtis' team spirit came through at the state Prep A meet where she won the long jump (16'5 1/2), high jump (5'2), triple jump (36'5), and took second in the javelin (103'4) to help lead the Big Red to the title.

"I didn't perform that well in the high jump or the long jump even though I won," said Curtis, reflecting on her performance at the Prep A meet.

"I came out for the triple jump and set a school record; that was a good way to end things."

The Lawrenceville program recognized all the things Curtis did for the team as she won the Dean A. Smith '56 Track and Field Prize along with Leonard Hayes which is given annually to honor the Big Red's most talented track and field athletes.

"I felt kind of guilty as the PG coming in and getting that but I know I earned it," said Curtis.

"I worked hard over the breaks and in the winter. During basketball, I was going to work out with the track girls after practice."

All the work Curtis put in resulted in an experience she won't soon forget.

"I'm still trying to comprehend what happened; the year went so fast," added Curtis.

"It was a humbling experience; all of a sudden I was among people with a common goal. It's a very competitive place; I had two senior years and I liked the second one better. It was nice to establish myself without the Curtis name helping me."

Now, Curtis is ready to establish herself at Tulane. "It came down then to Tulane and Vanderbilt," said Curtis, referring to her college decision.

"I loved New Orleans; I feel I can make a difference there. I'm probably going to do the heptathlon; I need to work on the shot put and 800. I found I'm not excellent at one event but I'm pretty good at a lot of events. I am ready to go. My parents are ready; they have already planned like 10 trips there."

Curtis certainly made a difference at Lawrenceville as she proved to be more than pretty good.

—Bill Alden

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SAFE LANDING: Kelly Curtis completes a long jump in competition last year for Princeton High. This past spring, Curtis produced a superb season as she competed as a post-graduate for the Lawrenceville School. Curtis won the long jump (16'5 ½), high jump (5'2), triple jump (36'5), and took second in the javelin (103'4) at the Prep A championships to help lead the Big Red to the title. Curtis was the recipient of the school's Dean A. Smith '56 Track and Field Prize along with Leonard Hayes which is given annually to honor the Big Red's most talented track and field athletes. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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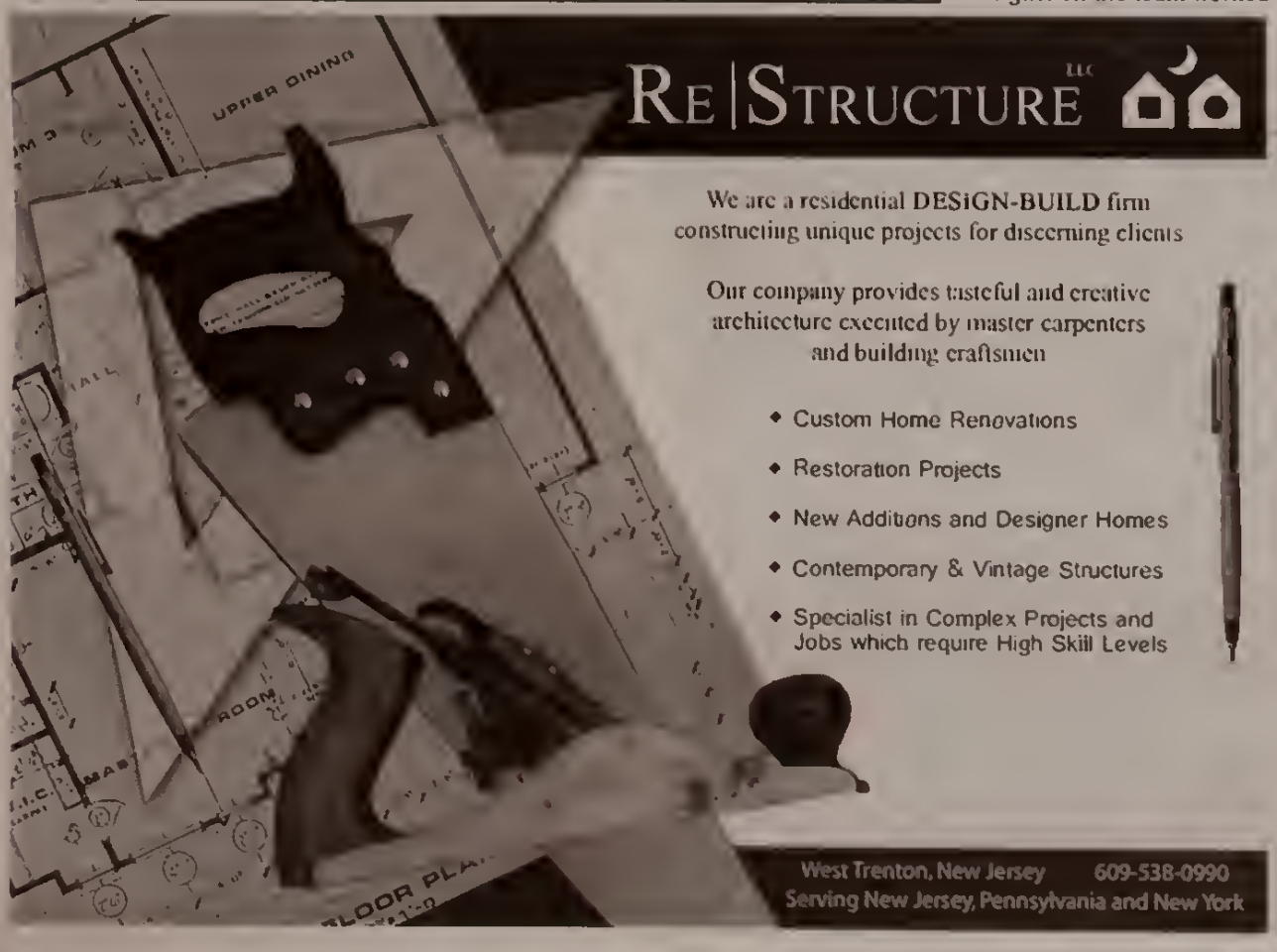

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Former PHS Baseball Star Etherton A Big Hit in Chestnut Hill Debut

Danny Etherton was excited to get in on the ground floor with the Chestnut Hill College (Pa.) baseball team as it fielded the first varsity squad in school history.

But as the former Princeton High standout went through fall workouts, he wasn't sure how much he was going to contribute once the season started this spring.

"I didn't have a very good fall," said Etherton. "I wasn't feeling like I was in sync. We did a lot of running, we were doing sprints in the snow."

But once spring rolled around, Etherton hit the ground running when he got his chance to get on the field for the Division II Griffins.

The lanky 6'2 outfielder led the team in hitting (.403), hits (50), runs (22), total bases (64), and slugging percentage (.516) on his way to earning second-team Central Athletic Collegiate Conference honors and placing second in the league's Rookie of the Year balloting.

Etherton was as surprised as anyone with his success as a freshman. "I was just hoping to play, I pinch hit in one game and got a hit and then did the same thing the next game and then I was starting," recalled Etherton.

"For the first couple of weeks, I didn't know what was going on. By the fourth week, I realized I could have a pretty special season."

While the Griffins took their lumps as they went 7-34 in their debut campaign, Etherton thinks the freshman-laden squad learned some valuable lessons that could pay off down the road.

"We were close in a lot of games; we had a lot of 1-run losses," said Etherton.

"We were definitely competitive; a lot of those close losses came to teams with a lot of seniors. We didn't know what to expect at first, some of the guys thought we would roll through the schedule. After a couple of weeks, we realized that wasn't going to happen. We tried to make every at-bat count. I hope to win a lot more games next year."

Etherton credits the Griffin coaching staff with helping him make his freshman year count.

"The coaches put me in a position to succeed, they used my talents well," said Etherton, who had 17 stolen bases and 21 RBIs.

"I'm a decent bunter and I had something like 15 bunt hits. I had a lot of stolen bases."

Chestnut Hill head coach Bob Spratt believed that Etherton had the athleticism to help his squad eventually.

"Our assistant coach Brian Burke saw Danny at a showcase and we liked his size and speed," said Spratt, who is starting the baseball program at the former all-women's school. "We saw him as the fourth outfielder, thinking he would get plenty of action."

Etherton's rapid progress, though, took Spratt aback. "He got his opportunity and made the most of it," said Spratt.

"He took to our style of ball but we didn't expect him to be our main offensive threat. We used him at the one, three, and four spots in lineup. He ended up mostly at third and he set the tone for our offense."

While Spratt realizes that Etherton may not hit .400 every year, he believes the star has just scratched the surface of what he can contribute to the program.

"At our end of year meeting I told him he can't think that he is automatically going to move up to .500; this is college baseball," said Spratt.

"I want him to get a little stronger and hit more gaps. I also want him to improve his baserunning. He had 17 stolen bases but the best is yet to come. He is a force to be reckoned with."

Etherton, for his part, is looking to make himself into more of a physical force.

"I'm trying to do a strength and conditioning program," said Etherton, who will likely play American Legion ball this summer for Princeton Post 218.

"I want to be stronger; hit more doubles so I don't have to rely on others to move me to second."

Chestnut Hill will certainly be relying on Etherton to build on his strong debut campaign.

—Bill Alden

HILLTOPPER: Danny Etherton displays his level swing during his career with the Princeton High baseball team. This spring, Etherton emerged as a star for Chestnut Hill College (Pa.) in his treshman season. The 6'2 outfielder led the team in hitting (.403), hits (50), runs (22), total bases (64), and slugging percentage (.516) on his way to earning second-team Central Athletic Collegiate Conference honors and placing second in the league's Rookie of the Year balloting.

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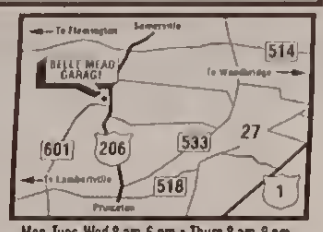

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Miranda Displayed Leadership, Spirit As PHS Baseball Endured Tough Spring

He had just doused his coach with a bucket of water and he was about to take a pie in the face.

At first glance, it would seem that Princeton High senior baseball star John Miranda was in the middle of celebrating a tournament victory.

In actuality, the hijinks came on a Senior Day last Thursday which saw PHS fall 6-0 to Hopewell Valley to end the season with a 1-22 record.

While Miranda would've wanted to see the Little Tigers pile up a lot more wins in his final campaign, he saw plenty of reason to celebrate last Thursday.

"We have a few seniors that didn't get in a lot this year; we were really looking to try and give them an opportunity to play because they have been at all the practices and everything," said Miranda, a second baseman and pitcher.

"Although we did want to win, our main thing was like let's have fun, it's the last game, the last time we will be together. Let's make the best of it and let's go for a win."

A highlight of the game came in the sixth inning when PHS head coach Scott Goldsmith removed most of his seniors from the game. The players shook hands as they left the diamond, prompting hearty applause from the crowd on hand at Valley Road.

"It was real powerful because you realize this is the last time that you are playing with all these guys," asserted Miranda, who took the loss on the mound against Ho-Val. "You usually don't shake hands on the baseball field; it was real special."

It was special for PHS to break through with a 12-6 win over WW/P-S on May 23 in its next-to-last game.

"We have been in almost every game," said Miranda. "To finally get that win; it was nice."

For head coach Goldsmith, it was nice to have a group of seniors who kept spirits high even as the losses piled up.

"This group of seniors are totally into it," said Goldsmith, whose corps of seniors included Chris Brooks, David Staller, David Griffin, Adam Friedman, Steve Barsamian, and Joe D'Eramo along with Miranda.

"They never put their heads down · throughout the whole season I've had three coaches come up to me and say the same thing; that for a team that is 0 and something, we are constantly up. We were never down; we kept on fighting."

Goldsmith singled out Miranda as a positive force for the Little Tigers.

"Out of any senior in this program, he has given the most for the last four years, starting since his sophomore year and playing since his freshman year," added Goldsmith.

"He definitely brings a leadership quality; the kids look to him. His energy level is constantly up there; there is never a down moment. The score could be 20-0 and that kid will still be smiling."

The win over WW/P-S gave everyone on the team reason to smile. "It came way too late to get the monkey off the back and get the season rolling with that win," said Goldsmith.

"We would definitely have preferred it in week one or week two and build on it then. But with this group of seniors, it paid off. They came flying out on Friday, John had a no-hitter going. There were 24 guys that came with us, we got 23 in. Everybody did their part."

Goldsmith is hoping that the lessons learned by his younger players this spring will play a part in getting PHS on the winning track.

"I think the younger guys now know how much hard work they have to put into the offseason and that it will pay off for a better season next year," said Goldsmith.

"We are looking forward to our sophomore class stepping up. We brought a couple of guys up to get some experience at the varsity level. We have the majority of them playing legion ball; we hope to get a bunch into the fall ball too."

Miranda, for his part, sees better days ahead for the program. "Emotionally and morale-wise; we were there the whole year," said Miranda.

"We never sort of got the ball rolling. I think next year, we'll be alright because we had so many young guys that came in and stepped up. Although they didn't play well every game, they got in decent time and hopefully they will get more consistent next year."

And those younger players certainly learned something about character from their senior teammates.

—Bill Alden

RIGHT TURN: Princeton High baseball senior star John Miranda turns a double play in action earlier this spring. Last Thursday, Miranda and the Little Tigers wrapped up their season by falling 6-0 to Hopewell Valley. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

TOUGH SPRING: Princeton High head baseball coach Scott Goldsmith ponders a move in a game this spring. Goldsmith and his group of seniors held things together as PHS endured a tough 1-22 campaign. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PHS Boys' Golf Standout Smith Enjoyed Championship Journey

Princeton High golf star Curtis Smith wasn't totally overjoyed upon realizing that he was headed to a playoff for the Group III Central-South sectional individual title.

"I was excited but more concerned about the team," said Smith, who missed a birdie on the 18th hole at Running Deer Golf Club at Pittsgrove to end up in a tie for first with Jeff Lefevre of Mainland.

"I knew my 78 would help but the main goal was to make the states as a team. It wouldn't be any fun to be there as an individual."

After getting word that PHS had finished second to qualify for the Tournament of Champions, Smith had some fun in his sudden-death playoff with Lefevre.

"Once I found out the team was in; I relaxed," recalled Smith.

"I popped up my drive; the other guy hit his 70 yards further. On my second shot, I hit a 5-wood from 220 yards out to the green; it was probably the best clutch shot I have ever hit. I made my putt and said I'll see you in states."

Smith kept us his clutch play at the state finale in the Tournament of Champions, shooting an 84 at Beacon Hill in Atlantic Highlands as the Little Tigers won their second straight Group III title, finishing sixth overall in the competition with a team score of 345.

Smith's classmate, Jon Bichsel, led the way for PHS, shooting an 82 with junior Brian Dunlap carding an 89 and senior Will Madden firing a 90.

While PHS had entered the Tournament of Champions looking to finish first overall, Smith was happy with the team's state title encore.

"We walked the course the day before and we realized the course fit our game," said Smith.

"But it turned out to be a difficult day; it was really windy. It is a target course and if you were off five yards, you were in trouble. The best score was a 76 with all that talent. We came there to win the Tournament of Champions but you can't blame anyone. I was happy that we won something. I was happy with what we did and keeping the state title."

Coming into the spring, Smith and fellow senior stars Bichsel and Madden were determined to help instill PHS' winning tradition into the squad's younger players.

"Last year, the top five was set in stone; the three remaining seniors tried to help the others," said Smith. "You need five and really six to make a team. We helped the younger guys out at practice and at the matches. We spent a lot of time with them just trying to make them comfortable. We didn't want to lose our state title."

The seniors complemented each other in competition. "I started off well and then had a bad week," recalled Smith.

"Jon stepped up and had his best round and the best round in school history. Will played very solidly; maybe not as well as last year but very good."

Smith was proud of the solid progress he made in his PHS career. "I really improved the last three years," said Smith, who will be heading to the University of Delaware this fall and is looking to walk on to the school's golf team.

"I came in as a freshman and I was on the outside. I really learned a lot. Playing almost everyday for two months during the season helps you to improve. I realized that and tried to play as much as I could over the summer. I played a lot with Jon and his cousin Max [Bichsel]."

While Smith will have some good memories of his individual exploits, it is the time he spent with his teammates that stands out most in his mind as he reflects on his PHS career.

"Every minute was a ton of fun," asserted Smith. "We were serious on the course, for sure, but the bus rides and staying in the hotels was great. I played with a bunch of great guys. We all got along and I think that helped us scorewise. Everyone worked together; the seniors were close and we branched out."

And with Smith putting in some good work when it counted most, PHS enjoyed another memorable ride this spring.

—Bill Alden

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Hun Boys' Tennis Showed Character As It Battled Through Rocky Spring

It started out as one of the tougher days in Rob Solonick's career on the Hun School boys' tennis team.

Moving up to first singles from his accustomed No. 2 spot, Solonick was taking a beating as he played Kingsway's top player in the Moorestown Invitational earlier this spring.

Hun head coach Joan Nuse sensed that her senior standout needed to be pumped up.

"I had a talk with him," recalled Nuse. "He came back and won; it was impressive to see him fight through that."

Nuse saw a lot of that kind of character this spring as Hun battled through a 5-9 season.

"I thought they really rose to the occasion," asserted Nuse. "We had a lot of players who didn't have experience and they played well. We had various injuries and we had to shift things around."

The Raiders' doubles players, in particular caught the injury bug. "When Jason Kann and Ed Park went down, we had to mix and match at doubles," added Nuse. "Then we had more injuries."

A constant presence for Hun was first singles star Lance Goulbourne, who won the Prep A individual title in his flight to cap his senior season.

"He's just such a solid player; he's in an elite class," said Nuse of Goulbourne, a basketball star who will be playing hoops at Vanderbilt next year. "It's amazing what he can do for the amount of time he puts into it."

Solonick showed class, providing skill and heart to the team. "He was solid, he was a leader among the kids," said Nuse of Solonick who placed second at second singles in the Prep A tournament.

"He got stuck playing at first singles when Lance was gone for basketball stuff; he was really solid by the end of the season."

At doubles, Nuse saw Alex Kheguy make good progress. "Alex Kheguy really improved as a doubles player," said Nuse, who paired Kheguy at first doubles with Warren Van Heyst.

"He wasn't happy at first. He was used to playing singles but he really became a good doubles player."

Although Hun didn't have a lot of wins to show for it, there were some good efforts over the course of the spring.

"Different kids had really good days," said Nuse, whose team finished third in the team standings at the Prep A tournament.

"We gave Lawrenceville a pretty good run for their money. It was one of those years where we won the matches we should have and lost the one we should have. We played pretty well at states."

—Bill Alden

LONG ARM JURISOICTION: Hun School boys' tennis senior star Lance Goulbourne reaches for a backhand in action this spring. The 6'7 Goulbourne, a basketball star who will be playing hoops at Vanderbilt next year, ended his tennis career with a bang as he won the Prep A title at first singles.

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Hun School Girls' Lax Kept Improving, Developing into High-Powered Squad

In mid-April, the Hun School girls' lacrosse team absorbed a 17-8 beating at the hands of powerful Hopewell Valley.

A month later, Hun battled HoVal tooth-and-nail in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) semifinals before succumbing 12-10 to the Bulldogs.

In reflecting on the team's season, Hun first-year head coach Jon Stone saw the effort against HoVal as exemplifying the improvement he saw over the spring.

"I think we played very well; we came out and went after them," said Stone, who guided the Raiders to a 12-5 record as he took over for the departed Lauren Provenzano.

"We started slow in the second half and then we came back and tied it up. They dominated possession; they had it for nearly 10 minutes in a row. That being said, our defense was outstanding. We played well enough to win; just needed a couple of more plays to go our way."

Things went Hun's way more often than not as the squad emerged as one of the high-powered teams in the area.

"I think overall it was a successful season," asserted Stone, noting that four of the losses on the season came to two teams, eventual MCT and sectional champ HoVal and Peddie, the state Prep A runners-up.

"We progressed in just a little bit of everything. The defense solidified; our goalie ViVi Washington got better and better. The chemistry was good: the girls had fun with each other."

Stone had a lot of fun watching senior star Sarah Appelt trigger the Hun offense.

"Sarah is just a tremendous player; her experience and knowledge of the game may have been the most important things she gave to the team," said Stone of the Towson-bound Appelt who scored 86 points on 49 goals and 37 assists.

"She had a tremendous number of assists. Generally, you aren't going to get that many in girls' lacrosse because it is such a one-on-one game. That speaks to her unselfish play and her ability. She is like a point guard; she would call out plays. She was an extension of the coach on the field."

Appelt's fellow seniors, Bridget Stinson and Melissa Marino, dominated the middle of the field for the Raiders.

"Both of them were great; in both boys' and girls' lacrosse, the game is won and lost in the midfield," asserted Stone, who credited another senior, Laura Coyle, with leading the Hun defensive charge.

"The ability to control the midfield is critical. They did an excellent job at both ends of the field and they both have great stick skills. Bridget gets more of the limelight because she can turn the corner and got a lot of goals. Melissa is the glue that holds the team together; she is the unsung hero. She is more of a defensive stopper so she doesn't always get the credit she deserves."

Hun has some returning stars who should hold things together next season in the high-scoring trio of Addy Godfrey, Emma Molloy, and Suzanne Arnold.

"Each of them has a lot of experience, they each had around 30 goals," said Stone, whose team should also return Maura Giordano, Maddie Welch, and Gina Fiori together with goalie Washington on defense.

"Each of them does different things which is good. We will have a huge gap in the midfield next year."

The returners can do some good things if they emulate the hard-nosed mentality displayed by this year's seniors.

"The biggest thing they should take is knowing how to be competitive," added Stone, whose team also advanced to the state Prep A semis where it fell to Peddie. "The seniors competed at such a high level and the others saw that."

—Bill Alden

NO LETTING GO: Hun School star midfielder Melissa Marino maintains possession despite a stiff challenge from a foe in action last spring. Marino's detensive intensity and stick skills helped Hun post a 12-5 mark in 2008 as the Raiders advanced to both the state Prep A and Mercer County Tournament semifinals.

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Softball: Deanna Boehm had a big day at the plate but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 16-4 to Allentown last Thursday. Boehm had two hits and two RBIs with Rachel Basie knocking in another run. The defeat left PHS with a final record of 3-18.

Boys' Tennis: The first doubles pair of Ari Silver and Ben Weingarten advanced to the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA Doubles Tournament with two wins last Monday. The seventh-seeded pair of Silver and Weingarten posted straight-set wins over Montville in the second round and Rumson-Fair Haven on the third round on their way to the quarters. Silver and Weingarten were slated to play the top-seeded team from Westfield on June 3 with the winners advancing to the semis on June 4 at Mercer County Park.

Local Sports

Princeton HealthCare 10k Scheduled for June 7

The Princeton HealthCare 10k and Fun Run, formerly known as the June Fete 10k Run, will take place on June 7.

The race, which previously started on FitzRandolph Road in Princeton and ended at Weaver Stadium, will now begin at the entrance to FMC near the corner of Scudders Mill Road and the Connector Road in Plainsboro east of Route 1 and the Scudders Mill intersection.

The 10k race starts at 8:00 a.m. There will be monetary prizes awarded to the overall first, second, and third male and female finishers.

The registration fee for the 10k Race is $30.00. For more information and to register online, log onto www.actlve.com. There is race day registration starting at 6:30 a.m. near the starting line.

All proceeds benefit the Maternal-Child Health programs at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Princeton Rec Department Holding Summer Youth Hoops

Registration is underway for the Princeton Recreation Department boys' and girls' summer basketball leagues.

Both leagues are open to rising 4th - 9th graders. The leagues are open to Princeton residents, Montgomery residents, and nonresidents who attend school in Princeton.

The boys' league runs from June 20 - August 1 and has games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Most teams will play two of the three nights each week. Grades 4 - 6 play their games at 5:20 p.m. while grades 7 - 9 play their games 6:15 p.m. All games are played at the outdoor courts behind Community Park School.

The girls' league runs from June 24 - July 31 and has games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grades 4 - 6 play at 6:00 p.m. while grades 7 - 9 play at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday games will be played on the outdoor courts behind Community Park School in Princeton while Thursday games will be played at Montgomery Park in Montgomery Township.

A new twist for 2008 is the skills clinic each Wednesday at Montgomery Park led by Princeton Rec Department Instructor Clarence White. The clinic is free to anyone registered for the girls' summer league.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the department's website at www.princetonrecreation.com or picked up at the Princeton or Montgomery Recreation Department offices.

Volunteer coaches are needed. If you are interested in helping to coach or keeping score, please contact Ben Stentz at (609) 921-9480.

Princeton Girls' Softball Recent Results

In playoff action last Monday in the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) minors division, the North Carolina Tar Heels topped the Alabama Crimson Tide 9-5.

Mary Sutton went the distance in the circle, picking up the win for the Tar Heels. Katie Alden, Sarah Elsenach, and Sutton each contributed key hits to help pace the Tar Heel offense. Julia DiTosto pitched a complete game in a losing cause for the Crimson Tide.

The PGSA will be holding its championship games on June 7 at the Grover Field No. 1 behind McCaffrey's Supermarket. The rookie division title game is slated for 9:00 a.m. with the minors division playing at 11:30 a.m. and the majors division scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

OPENING ACT: Mark Madden takes a big cut in action last summer for the Princeton Post 218 American Legion team. Madden, a Princeton Day School standout, and his Post 218 teammates were slated to open their 2008 Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) season by playing at Mitchell Davis Post 182 on June 5 and then hosting North Trenton Post 458 on June 8. Tom Parker is back for his 19th season as the manager of the club, which will be looking to improve on the 5-17 mark it posted in 2007.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

THROWBACK: Princeton High boys' track senior star John McCormack prepares to let the javelin fly last week at the state Group III meet at South Plainfield. McCormack placed sixth with a throw of 171' 6 to qualify for this week's Meet of Champions (MOC). PHS girls' senior standout Megan Wiseman also qualified for the MOC, taking third in the long jump with a leap of 17'0.

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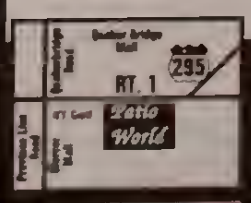

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Calendar

Wednesday, June 4

11 a.m. and 8 p.m.: *Footloose*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: Ask-a-Lawyer Program, free legal advice on immigration issues; Princeton Public Library.

7 to 9 p.m.: Darla Rich Trio; Salt Creek Grill at Forrestal Village.

7:30 p.m.: *A Seagull in the Hamptons*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

Noon: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce talk by Freeman Dyson, Institute for Advanced Study Professor Emeritus, on global warming; Marriott Princeton Hotel and Conference Center. To register, call 609) 924-1776.

2 to 7 p.m.: Opening Celebration of the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street. Ribbon cutting at 2 p.m., followed by dedication of the Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood Quilt.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Arias from Princeton Festival's production of Puccini's *La Boheme* with Jennifer Zetlan, Marcello Guzzo; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Swinging Poodles jazz band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8:30 p.m.: Student concert of dance-inspired piano and chamber music; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

Friday, June 6

10 a.m.: *Hansel & Gretel*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

7 p.m.: Disney's High School Musical; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also *Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.*

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.: Tommy Savitt and Will Vought; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Full Monty*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*; Heritage Center, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Twilight of the Golds*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

9 a.m. to noon: Princeton Future public meeting; Princeton Public Library.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Anniversary Arts Party; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

2 and 4 p.m.: *The Little Red Hen*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

3 and 8 p.m.: Princeton Garden Statesmen barbershop chorus; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

6:30 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: McCarter Theatre gala benefit with Burt Bacharach; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra Spring Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.: Country/pop band The Billies; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, June 8

1 to 6 p.m.: "Carnival of Care"; In Good Hands Chiropractic Center, 330 North Harrison Street.

1 p.m.: Pennington Dance 28th Year Celebration and Multi-Cultural Dance Performance; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

1 to 4 p.m.: Garden Party Open House; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

2:30 p.m.: Lashir Jewish Community Choir of Princeton; Richardson Auditorium.

3 p.m.: American Boychoir Graduation Concert and Ceremony; *Princeton University Chapel.*

Monday, June 9

Recycling

7:30 p.m.: Book discussion with Michael Robertson, author of *Worshipping Walt*; Princeton Public Library.

12:30 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center video screening of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*; Suzanne Patterson Building.

8 p.m.: Readings by Delaware Valley Poets Tony Greunewald and Eric Heller; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall.

Tuesday, June 10

5:30 p.m.: Township Housing Board; Township Municipal Complex.

Wednesday, June 11

2 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center talk by Rutgers University professor of political science emeritus Josef Silverstein on Burma/Myanmar; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free. To register, call (609) 924-7108.

3:30 to 6 p.m.: Mercer County Youth Job Fair; Trenton War Memorial.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Festival lecture, "Music of La Belle Epoque: from Salon to Stage," by Timothy Urban; Princeton Public Library.

Clubs

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a "No Name" California Mix Dance on Saturday, June 7 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. A beginner/intermediate hustle lesson with Brian Gallagher will begin at 6:15 p.m., with open dancing following from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission will be $12, or $8 for students.

The dance group will also host a Jersey Jumpers Swing Dance with the Gas House Gorillas live band at the Unitarian Church on Friday, June 20. Following a beginner East Coast Swing lesson at 7:30 p.m. will be open dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. No partner is needed.

Admission will be $11 or $8 for students.

For more information about either dance, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

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Good Estate Plans Require Prudent Asset Allocation

The most skillfully drafted Wills are useless if all of a couple's assets are held jointly or if they are held primarily by one spouse but the other spouse dies first. For example, suppose a couple has $4,000,000 of assets, with all but a few small accounts in the husband's name. Husband and wife were careful not to hold all their assets in joint name and took pains to have good Wills prepared and kept up-to-date. But suppose the wife dies first. There will be little property governed by the terms of the wife's Will, because almost all of the family assets are already owned by the husband. There will therefore be little (if any) property available to pass into a "bypass" trust for the benefit of the husband (i.e., the trust designed to hold an amount equivalent to the wife's applicable credit against the federal estate tax), and important estate tax advantages of those carefully drawn Wills would be lost. Note that, if the husband had died first, there would not have been a similar problem, since he would have had sufficient assets to fund the bypass trust for the wife. But no one can safely predict the order of death. Therefore, careful asset allocation between husband and wife during life is essential. While the division of property between husband and wife does not need to be equal, having sufficient assets in each spouse's name to permit all available tax advantages to be effectively used regardless of the order of death should be an important goal.

Bear in mind also that not all assets are easy to allocate. Some potentially large assets — e.g., 401(k) plans, IRAs, insurance and annuity policies — are not divisible and pass by beneficiary designation. It is extremely important to coordinate these beneficiary designations with the other elements of the overall estate plan in order not to waste tax advantages or produce unanticipated results. For instance, if you own a large insurance policy on your life with your spouse named as primary beneficiary and your children (all currently minors) named as secondary beneficiaries and you and your spouse die in an accident, then your children would be the recipients of the insurance proceeds. Regardless of the fact that your and your spouse's Wills contain very well-drafted trusts for your minor children, the terms of those Wills are irrelevant. The insurance proceeds would be payable to those minor children outright under the beneficiary designation and therefore come under the management of a court-appointed guardian, eventually passing to the individual beneficiaries as each one attains age 18 — a result far different from what you intended. A beneficiary designation that expressly named the trusts for those minor children under your Will as recipients of the insurance proceeds would have been the better course.

A good Will is essential, but much still depends on the careful arrangement of assets while you are alive. Discuss with your tax professional the best way to ensure that all of your assets are distributed as planned.

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HONORING DAD

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QUESTION: *Next Sunday is Father's Day, and I wonder how many people will give it the same reverence as Mother's Day. I'm a father, and while I'll probably get a card, I often feel that a lot of what I do goes unnoticed. Could you address that in one of your articles?*

ANSWER: When you think about those who have an impact on you during your lifetime, certainly your mother and father are at the top of the list. Who you become, let alone how you look, are heavily influenced by them. If you do not feel loved by them, you probably will have a hard time loving yourself. I too am a father, and, while I urge you not to look upon parenthood as a contest, here are a few reflections on being a father.

1. "Our Father": When Jesus was asked how to pray, he composed "The Lord's Prayer" that begins with the words, "Our Father." Often, this prayer is said in a heavy, solemn, stilted manner that makes you think of a cranky old man sitting on a cloud ready to crush you like a bug for anything you do wrong. However, the word Jesus used for "father" was "Abba," which loosely translated into English is "DaDa." When you then say, "Our DaDa who art in Heaven," your image shifts to a caring, safe parent who cradles you in his loving arms. That is what we who are fathers should be giving our kids, the sense that we love them so much that they can always come to us when something is on their minds, good or bad.

2. Work = Love: Demonstrating your love is done in many ways. Love is not just expressed on the weekends at home, but also when a parent gets up early, boards a crowded, smelly train, works a long day at a job that may not be the best, and gets home exhausted at 8:00 PM. Each second of your day away from home is a present to your family, for without it, food, clothing, and shelter, those essentials that your responsible love allows your children to blissfully take for granted, would disappear.

3. Two Roles: When I was a boy, mothers nurtured and fathers disciplined. While it seems archaic now, I can remember the dreaded words, "Wait until your father gets home!" I am sure he dreaded always being the heavy. Now, thankfully, parents share roles, and so fathers can nurture as well as discipline, and each child receives the full richness of each parent.

4. A Personal Story: My father became ill when I was 11, and died when I was 14. I missed him so much, as he was not able to be there for advice on how to juggle studies and sports in high school, how to pick the right college, how to handle the inevitable bumps along life's path, and to experience my children. I treasured what few years I had with him. If you are lucky enough to still have your father, then realize the treasure that is under your very nose. It will not be there forever.

5. Recipe for Father's Day: My hope, therefore, is that fathers get far more than the customary card or five minute "duty phone call." I am suggesting more than cashew nuts for the ballgame and dinner out, namely, telling him how much you appreciate his many gifts, and taking responsibility for your half of having a relationship with him. What this means changes as children grow older, but just make sure that you try to love him as much as he has already loved you.

Hence, I am advising you to enter counseling to work through the issue, to consider telling your family, and, above all, to love yourself, to not be ashamed, and to let go of the guilt for not reporting the crime. You have let a past crime continue abusing you in the present, and you need to resolve the past so as to enjoy the present.

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Obituaries

Judith S. Gaylord

Judi Steinman Gaylord, 58, of Kendall Park, formerly of Princeton, died May 7 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, South Brunswick.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, she had moved from Princeton to Kendall Park 11 years ago.

A graduate of Princeton High School, she also attended Rider College. She worked for Seward Johnson Sculpture Studio as executive secretary, Jack Weller Real Estate, and most recently for Chico's and the Kaufman Chiropractic Clinic.

An area Governor of Toastmasters International, she was also an artisan who designed and created unusual jewelry.

Daughter of the late Dr. John F. Steinman, she is survived by her mother, Helen Meyer Evans of Princeton; a son, Justin Gaylord; a brother, Dr. Jim Steinman of South Carolina; a sister, Jill Kregstein of Lakewood, Colo.; her stepmother, Ellen Steinman; and her caring friends Kathy Everett, Walt Kisselman, and Diane Pardun.

A memorial service will be held June 18 at 7 p.m. in the Blawenburg Church, Route 518, Montgomery. Memorial contributions may be sent to The American Cancer Society.

Barbara K. Smith

Barbara K. Smith of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died April 21 with her family at her side, following an illness. She had moved to Bala Cynwyd with her second husband, Robert Siegel.

After the death of her husband, she turned her energy to supporting the needy in Philadelphia, and to the strengthening of family ties.

Having achieved recognition in the creative arts as an innovator and teacher, she made her home a cheerful gathering place for artists, musicians, and a wide circle of friends.

She is survived by two daughters, Leslie Smith of Ann Arbor, Mich. and Jennifer Lohmann of Bala Cynwyd; three brothers, the Hon. Andrew Smithson, Henry Smithson, and John Smithson; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held June 8 at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2125 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cynthia Yun Liu

Cynthia Yun Liu, 80, of Princeton, died May 26 in New York City.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, and raised in Seoul, South Korea, she was a violinist who studied music at Ehwa College of Seoul. After translating for the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, she emigrated to Nebraska where she earned a B.A. from Hastings College. She then spent 25 years as a music and English teacher in Indiana and New Jersey. After retiring in 1994, she followed her passion and studied literature, philosophy, and liberal arts at Princeton University.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Liu; a son, James Liu of Redondo Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Julia Liu of Princeton; four sisters, Hong S. Brannen, Hui Cha Davis, Un Sup Yun, and Kyoung Ae Choi; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was May 31 at Nassau Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

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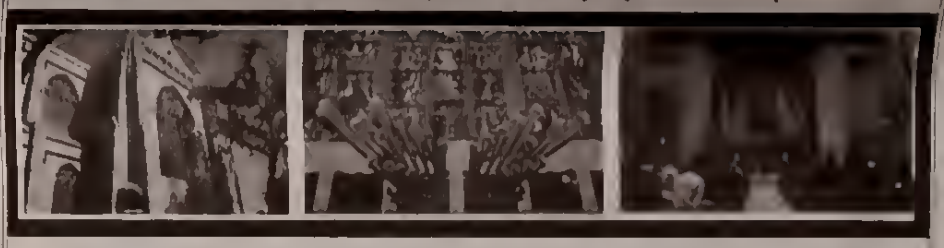

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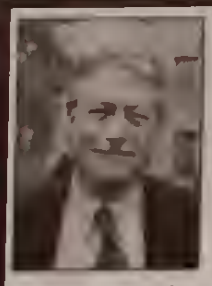

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Marketed by Madolyn Greve **$739,900**

Montgomery — Bentley model in Pike Run Villas with 9' ceilings on first level. Wonderful open floor plan includes a large eat-in kitchen, which opens to a large family room with fireplace & sliding glass door to backyard.

Marketed by Rosellen Cutter & Suman Bagaria **$575,000**

Princeton — 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Dutch Colonial on over an acre. New Kitchen with stainless appliances, double sink, granite counters, tumble marble floors. Living room with fireplace, updated powder room. Walk-out basement and 2 car garage.

Marketed by Susan "Suzy" DiMeglio **$549,000**

South Brunswick — A spacious entry foyer with soaring ceilings and gleaming cherry hardwood floors tempt you to discover the rest of this fabulous 3 bedroom Madison home. Enjoy the wonderful Princeton Walk lifestyle.

Marketed by Lisa Weil **$539,000**

Montgomery — Traditional home on quiet cul-de-sac. Main level has living room/dining room & kitchen. Few steps down is the recreation room with sliders to patio, 4th bedroom/study, laundry, half bath, porch & another room. Upper level has 3 bedrooms & 2 baths.

Marketed by Kathleen Guissi **$498,888**

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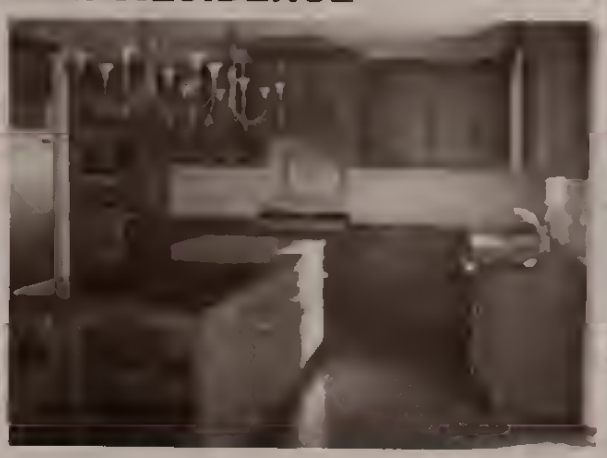

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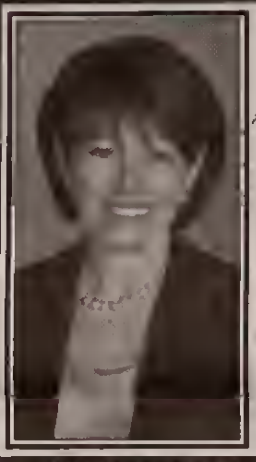

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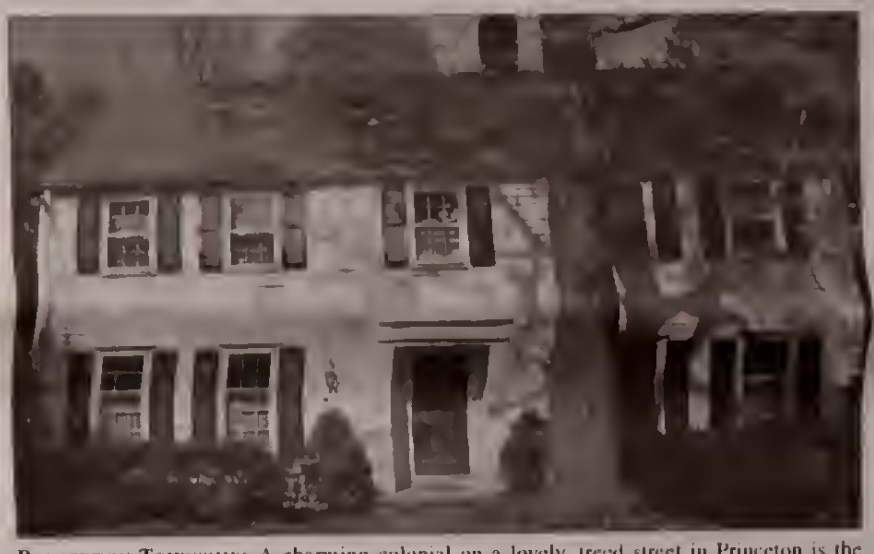

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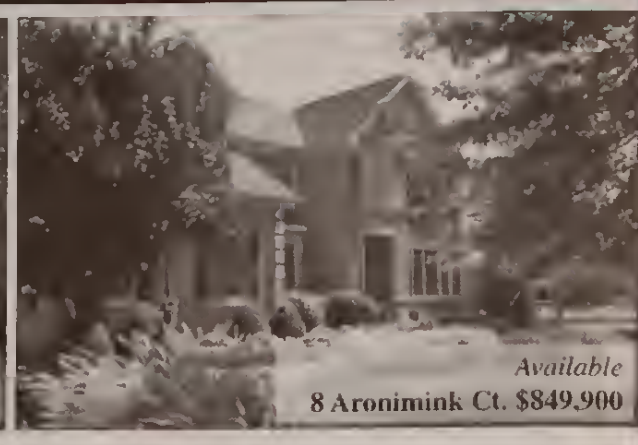

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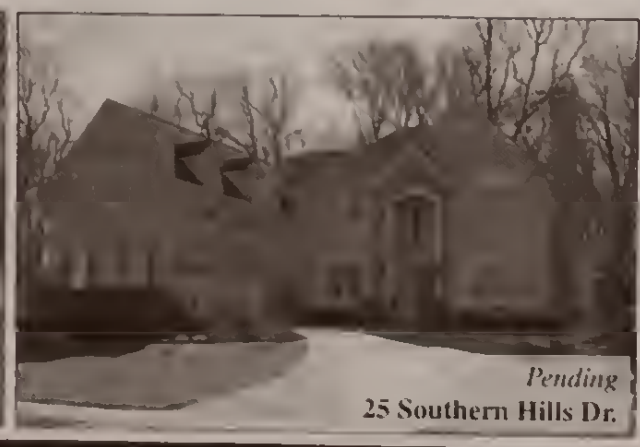

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Gracious Living After Fifty

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How to Retire With The Help of Experts

The sooner, the better — or it's never too late. Both of these adages can be applied to retirement planning, but to have the best retirement you can, clearly, advance planning is the way to go.

To ensure a happy, healthy, and prosperous retirement — or "Gracious Living After 50," careful planners rely not just on their own common sense but on the skill and advice of experts, especially in finance and healthcare, the major areas of concern for retirees.

Retirees come in all ages these days — it's not just the traditional 65-year-old receiving the gold watch who heads for relaxation on the front porch or the back nine. Many are younger, and many are older. It is not unusual for people to work up to age 70 and beyond now. Conversely, if a 50-year-old has saved, done well in the market, or inherited a tidy sum, he or she is free to sail around the world, build that cabin in the woods, or perhaps open an antiques shop.

Today's retirees are often those who have left a career of long standing only to forge ahead in a new direction as owner of an art gallery, video store, computer consulting firm — the list goes on. Others may take on part-time jobs or consulting positions.

Whatever their circumstances, those with the foresight to plan ahead have less stress as retirement looms. A financial advisor can also help sort out how pensions, social security, and new job income all factor into the mix.

"Retirement planning usually starts when we accept our first job and are offered a chance to participate in an employer-sponsored retirement savings plan, or we open an IRA (Individual Retirement Account)," explains Randall R. Jones, CFP and Wealth Advisor at Morgan Stanley in Lawrenceville.

"It's never too late to start," he continues. "However, the earlier you start, the larger the retirement nest egg you probably will build through compounding or returns. A number of employers offer a match of your savings as an incentive. The government also offers tax incentives for retirement savings."

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OLD AND USELESS

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

***QUESTION:** I am growing old. As I am less able to do things, and as retirement is just around the corner, I am feeling increasingly old and useless. My wife tells me that I'm too negative and have the wrong "perspective." Is she right?*

ANSWER:

PERSPECTIVE: Smart wife! You view growing old as having less instead of having more. In the phrase, "growing old," you focus on "old," while your wife and I focus on "growing." In your worldview, advancing age is a problem, not an opportunity. While you focus on your physical strength decreasing, you ignore the ever-increasing growth of your mind and soul.

CHANGE: OK, I am not naively overlooking the bodily changes that progressively occur. Admittedly, your hair turns gray, and your skin becomes wrinkled and marked with liver spots. Background noise makes it harder to hear, and seeing at night is hard enough to often keep you home. The rug between your bed and the bathroom is worn thin from going back and forth, and waking up greets you with stiff and painful joints. Clearly, the body that used to feel like your friend increasingly feels like your enemy.

CHOICE: But is that a reason to roll over and play dead? No. You have a choice. While you can not stop getting older, you can start dealing with it more effectively. After all, being happy does not mean being lucky in avoiding bad times, just being good at coping with them. Here are a few ways to improve coping:

ATTITUDE: While not denying the negative, try not to dwell on it. Being an optimist does not mean sticking your head in the sand, just consciously deciding to focus more on what is realistically good. Think of all that you take for granted: the colors of the grass and sky, the sounds of music, the smell of food or flowers, and the simple act of breathing fresh air.

YOUR PAST: Use the past not as a way to escape the present, but rather as a way to remember your own inner strengths and talents in coping with the present. Much of what you did in raising a family and advancing your career can be used to face versus flee the challenges of ill health.

YOUR PRESENT: Can you grow at your age? Can you teach an old dog new tricks? Definitely. My experience has been that the elderly, knowing how precious each day is, can often grow faster than people much younger.

RETIREMENT: One way to grow is by creatively using your retirement, viewing it not as the end of a productive life, but as a new beginning, a new expression of yourself. Think about it, as we shall spend more time in retirement than we did in school, instead of seeing yourself as being "put out to pasture," we need new meaning in our new life. While this could be playing golf, it could also be volunteering our considerable skills to a local, non-profit organization.

RELATIONSHIPS: Cutting yourself off from others makes getting stuck in negative thinking easier. Force yourself to reach out to your friends and family, people at your church or synagogue, or those at your local senior service center. And, do not underestimate the value of a pet. Having a dog enthusiastically greet you each day as a long-lost relative can be the pick-me-up that you need on a bad day.

HEALTH ISSUES:

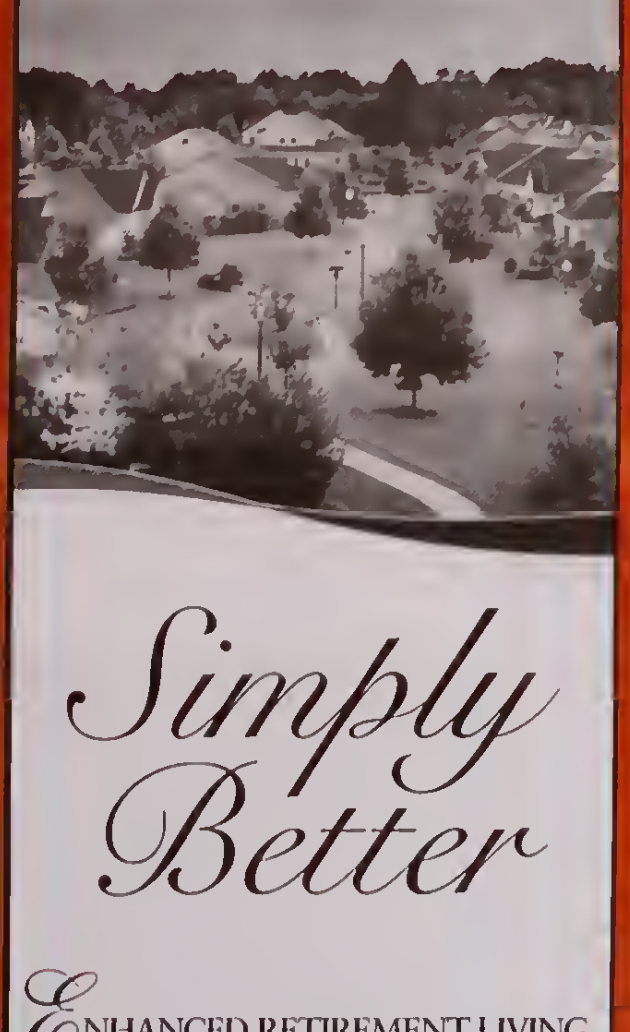
(1). Hearing Loss: This often leads to social withdrawal rather than facing the frustration of continually asking, "What did you say?" As the problem is typically hearing high-pitched noises, and as hearing aids tend to magnify all sounds equally, noisy settings like a restaurant or a crowded room become confusing and difficult. If this affects you, do not be shy about asking others to be more understanding, your assertiveness helping to increase the sensitivity of others.

(2). Vision Loss: As we age, we lose some lens transparency, so that less light gets to the retina. Accordingly, as you get older, you may have trouble seeing in dim light. Again, you will need to be assertive about preferring to not drive at night, or asking for a ride, or requesting that the lights be turned up in a room.

(3). Medication: Symptoms of drowsiness, being forgetful and "slow," or unsteady of gait may often be caused not by senility, but by the need to take several drugs, the dosage of which may need to be adjusted.

PROFESSIONALS: Find someone who will complement all that I have just said, treating you not as a problem coming to him or her for a solution, but as a person with innate strengths who is looking for someone who will be willing to enter into a collaborative and equal relationship.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. *If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.*



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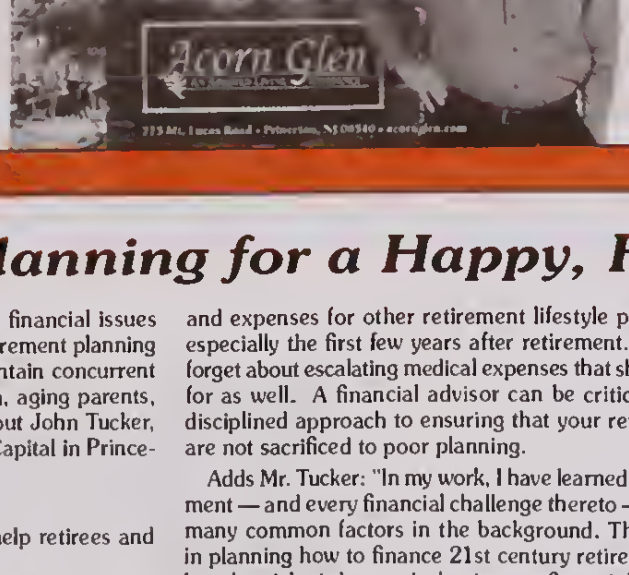

"I still drive my car to visit family... I can be as active and independent as I choose."

Paul D.
Resident

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Planning for a Happy, Healthy

Retirement planning is often part of other financial issues facing individuals and families today. "The retirement planning process will have multiple phases that will contain concurrent challenges like providing for higher education, aging parents, long-term care, and estate planning," points out John Tucker, a reverse mortgage specialist with Arlington Capital in Princeton.

Predictable Income

Reverse mortgages are another means to help retirees and are becoming increasingly popular.

"A reverse mortgage is an excellent tool for seniors whose assets are primarily in the equity of their houses, who want to remain in their houses, and whose financial needs require a supplement to their fixed or limited incomes," explains Mr. Tucker. "The proceeds are tax-free, and the homeowners can add a predictable income stream on a regular basis without any repayment requirements, all guaranteed by HUD. But the reverse mortgage is not free money. It is a mortgage against property, after all, and has associated closing costs as with any other mortgage.

"But for more and more senior homeowners, the reverse mortgage is a very desirable option for those with appreciated home values and serious income needs. For many, the payoff of an existing mortgage from these proceeds makes a tremendous difference, not only in answering a financial challenge, but improving the very psychology of the aging process — how seniors actually feel more positive about their financial outlook, and worry less about 'outliving their money.'"

Concern about maintaining a comfortable lifestyle is another issue. Planning for inflation and unexpected cost increases is an important part of the financial advisor's commitment to the client.

"Inflation is a critical variable in retirement which robs us of our purchasing power over time," points out Mr. Jones. "Therefore, we always try to build in a growth component in the retirement portfolio that will outpace inflation. The fixed income portfolio that is meeting today's needs will lose half of its purchasing power over 10 years at 4 percent inflation.

"Generally, the major constraint on retirement planning is available cash flow versus competing demands such as current lifestyle and current or future education expenses."

Retirement Dreams

"In the past," he adds, "one's expenses have generally declined in retirement due to the elimination of job-related expenses such as clothing, taxes, and commuting expenses, as well as downsizing the home and its related expenses. Now, however, more people are very active in retirement and see travel expenses and expenses for other retirement lifestyle pursuits escalate, especially the first few years after retirement. We also cannot forget about escalating medical expenses that should be planned for as well. A financial advisor can be critical in bringing a disciplined approach to ensuring that your retirement dreams are not sacrificed to poor planning.

Adds Mr. Tucker: "In my work, I have learned that every retirement — and every financial challenge thereto — is unique, with many common factors in the background. The risks involved in planning how to finance 21st century retirements are great, but the risks inherent in having no financial plan are much greater."

Concern over possible future health issues is causing many people to turn to long-term healthcare insurance policies. These are plans which will help provide financial coverage for home care, assisted living, or nursing home care, depending on the policy.

Representatives from insurance companies or financial advisors will help clients determine the best plan for their individual needs. Mid- to late- 50s to early 60s are appropriate ages to get long-term healthcare insurance, which can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or yearly. Policies are usually purchased to cover three to four years of care when the need arises. A medical evaluation is necessary.

"The first wealth is health," stated Ralph Waldo Emerson. Indeed, without good health, it is difficult to enjoy whatever else wealth can bring.

Whether it's through the gym, the internet, or word-of-mouth, more and more people consider keeping fit, proper nutrition, and taking steps to prevent illness as necessities. Physicians, including those who specialize in gerontology, are focusing on ways to ensure better health for those advancing in years, and in addition, patients are seeking chiropractic and acupuncture and other alternative care in addition to traditional medicine.

Steady Increase

"After 15 years in practice, I have seen a steady increase in people coming to our office," says Dr. Joseph Paul of Paul Family Chiropractic. In some cases, patients have been referred by medical doctors; in others, they have been disappointed in the care they have received from traditional medicine.

"One reason people are migrating toward chiropractic care is because we are holistic providers. We look at the body as a whole, not as individual parts. We look at the connection between the brain and the body. An optimal functioning spine and nervous system are absolutely essential for optimal health. A condition known as vertebral subluxation can interfere with this.

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Dr. Paul sees patients of all ages, and he stresses that "chiropractic and other holistic health professions have a proven track record for reducing ailments such as ear infection, colds, asthmas, and digestive disorders, as well as premature aging of the spine, and warding off arthritic conditions due to abnormal mechanical alterations of the joints. We at Paul Family Chiropractic emphasize complete lifestyle modifications, such as diet and exercise, as well as providing proper spinal care to improve and enhance life. Such a well-rounded program ensures adding life to your years as well as years to your life!"

Another chiropractor, Dr. Gonthar Rooda, founder of Princeton LifeExtension Institute, focuses primarily on helping elderly people exercise and address balance issues.

Aging is a complex puzzle, he notes. "Some of the elements we think of as aging may really be due to something else: to things like physical deconditioning and frailty caused by an inactive lifestyle, obesity, progressive muscle loss and weakness due to hormonal decline in our bodies."

Juggling Balls

He reports that studies have shown that a varied exercise program can reduce the fragility rate (incidents of people falling, etc.) by a significant amount and that a focus on balance has an even more significant effect on lowering the fragility rate. "My target is people who have never exercised and have no experience with physical fitness," he points out.

Dr. Rooda uses a one-on-one format to motivate clients who are typically 70 and older, and he includes a variety of exercising tools, such as balls, balance boards, free weights and juggling balls. "I like ball exercises of all kinds. They are colorful and fun and really do the job," he says. "As my clients improve, I do combinations to increase the complexity and difficulty. I also do a simple juggling routine. It helps with eye-hand coordination, and is very effective in improving hand and forearm strength."

With improvement comes not only better balance and strength but well-being, adds Dr. Rooda. "The kinds of improvement should be in strength, stamina, balance, and coordination. These basic elements are fundamentally necessary working together to allow one to maintain one's physical independence and autonomy of living for the rest of one's life. I cannot say it more strongly!"

A number of gyms and fitness centers provide other opportunities and special programs for older people. Princeton Fitness and Wellness Center, an affiliate of University Medical Center at Princeton, offers a wide range of programs and classes. Low-impact aquatic sessions are especially popular with seniors, and there is everything from swimming laps for fitness to pool exercises. "Joints in Motion" includes warm water work, which can increase joint mobility, particularly helpful for people with arthritis.

There are gentle classes in yoga, Pilates, ramping, aqua tai chi, especially designed for seniors. Members can also participate in their own exercise program, including cardio and strength training on machines and with free weights. Each month, special programs on a variety of subjects from healthy skin to arthritis to osteoporosis are available.

Nutrition Counselor

In addition, Princeton Fitness & Wellness offers the services of nutrition counselor Joanne Gordon, who helps people with a range of nutrition issues. Healthy eating is important to everyone's well-being and certainly to that of senior citizens.

Today, 50 is the new 40, 60 is the new 50, etc., thanks in part to the baby boomers who refuse to age. Certainly, people are healthier and more active at increasingly older ages. So, where to live?

Many retirees like to stay put, relishing the years of pleasure in a home that is comfortable and welcoming. Others opt to downsize; some, for health reasons, need a special environment.

The Princeton area is filled with options, ranging from independent retirement communities to assisted living facilities to nursing homes. Rossmoor, Meadow Lakes, Monroe Village, Stonebridge at Montgomery, Acorn Glen, Buckingham Place, and Princeton Care Center are just some of the choices.

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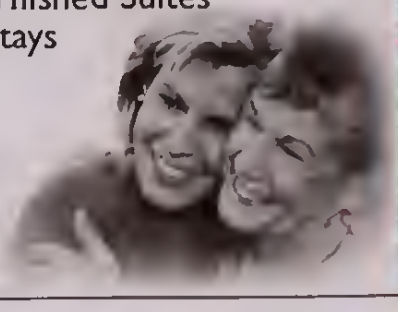

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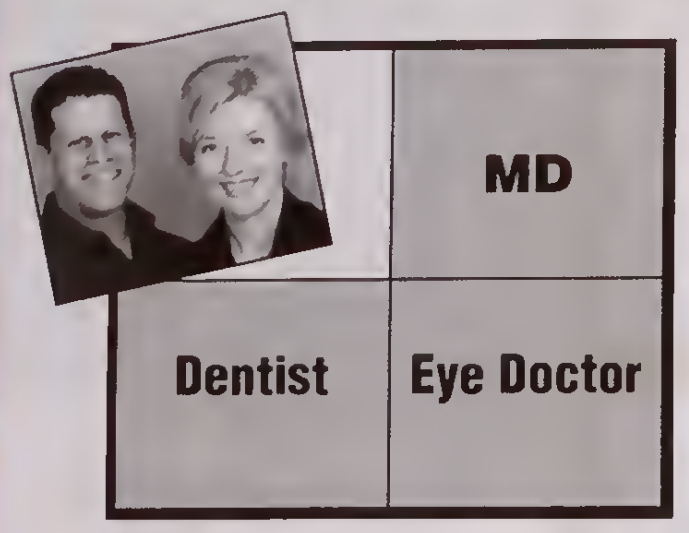

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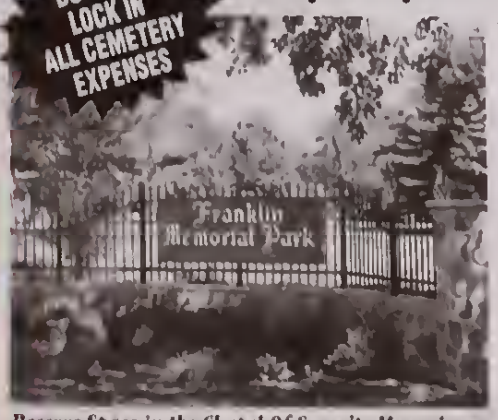

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